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## GRAND JURY REPORT.

### REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER LIVELY'S CRITICISM.

#### Observations on the Commissioner's Record and Allied Subjects.

(NINTH INSTALLMENT.)

Editor Courier:

We have had requests from several road overseers to publish the section of the old road law for Houston county relating to their duties and the section of the Luce-Lively law on the same subject. We did so in substance in our installment of last week. The overseers generally are disposed to resent the effort in the new law to make figure heads of them, looking on it as a reflection on their competency and qualifications to do such work. The truth is that the people of this county never have before been so profoundly and thoroughly aroused over a matter as they have been over this controversy that has been running on now for two months or more. And with the exception of those who have had their heads through the favored cracks in the milk-pen and nursing front teats, such as some bridge-builders and other like favored ones, sentiment has been practically all one way—on the side of the late Grand Jury as presented by the writer. It has been very gratifying to notice the enthusiasm and interest which have been taken by the reading public. It came as a gleam of light in the darkness, a lifting of the veil from the stage where the mysteries of juggling and grafting with the people's money go on. Whenever you hear anyone flippantly criticising and jeering at our side of the controversy, which is none but that of the people, look into that fellow's past and you will find that he has had his head or hand through a big crack in the milk-pen and either nursing or stripping the front part of the bag.

Now comes Commissioner Lively to the Courier office this week and says he didn't intend to say in his article last week that the "Courier got twelve thousand five hundred dollars" for printing the "Delinquent Tax Records" under the Colquitt Law of 1897, but that he meant to say \$1,250.00. Oh, yes, why of course. He and the one who told him all this would never have rushed to the Courier office to correct the figures if they hadn't been called down and shown up by the official records which speak for themselves and which could very easily have been consulted and the correct facts gotten. Our advice to Commissioner Lively is in the future go to the official minutes for the facts and not take anything second-hand from anyone, though a member of the same Court as himself. By going to Book 4 Commissioner Lively might have seen every order and every figure and thus saved himself the mortification of being exposed as a

manipulator of official records.

We hope the people will give the installment of next week special study and attention. We propose to present to them some very interesting facts and figures and also propose to show up some jugglery along the same lines. Our purpose is to show the people of this county how much money they have paid in for taxes to the Road and Bridge Fund for ten years past. These figures will be startling in their proportions. Then the public can ask themselves with all the facts before them whether the roads of the county are in better condition than they were ten years ago and whether they can see any adequate substantial equivalent for all this money that has been paid out. They can wonder then where it has all gone, what has become of it, etc. And then they can go to looking in the milk pen for some of those big cracks of which we have been speaking. Further, we propose to show the people the tax rate for each year in the past ten years for each fund, state and county, and also the taxable basis of the county for each of the past ten years. Then they will be able to decide who pulled the county out of debt, the people who pay the taxes or the Commissioners' Court who spends these taxes. It is our purpose, too, to present an analysis of the "Financial Statement" recently issued by the Commissioners' Court and show it in its real light. It is a smooth document as it is but will not submit to the knife. It is an artistic piece of Jugglery in figures which people generally will accept and go on about their business.

In closing our installment for this week we will refer to the reported fact current on the streets, as we write this, that the Commissioners' Court, which is in special session this week, is going to order suit against themselves to test their right to collect under the law the money for "road service" which they have been doing until the passage of the Luce-Lively law. We also heard that one of the Commissioners, Mr. Creasy, intended to refund the money he had collected under the old law, taking a receipt for same showing that he had refunded it under protest, in order not to prejudice his right to it if the result of the suit were to be in their favor. We hope we are correctly informed about their purpose. They can not afford to do otherwise than either refund or order suit. The people would never elect a set of men as Commissioners who would thus openly defy the plain mandates of the law and of public sentiment. And if the Court does conclude to order suit, it will be an interesting case and one that the public will watch with the closest scrutiny. The people will expect and demand that the Commissioners' Court shall organize and provide for a vigorous prosecution of the case into whose hands it may fall to give it attention. We are not able to state within fairly approximate figures the amounts that will be involved, but somewhere according to construction of law and claim from two to four thousand dollars. The case could hardly be

reached for judicial determination before Fall of present year or Spring term of next. Then in all probability the case would go up on appeal. The chances are that there may be a new commissioner's court or a new county attorney to prosecute the case. In view of the probable fact that the commissioners would be represented by several attorneys of ability. There should be equal representation for the County in the preparation and trial of the case.

LATER.

Since the above was written it is street talk that commissioners Creasy and Harrelson favor ordering suit. We have not heard how the other commissioners are. We understand that Judge Winfree is very much opposed to ordering suit. The proper thing to do is for some commissioner to make motion to order suit and then put every one of the court on record from County Judge down. Then the people will know how things stand. If suit is not ordered to test the matter there is nothing for the people to do but elect a court that will order a suit. W. B. P.

#### Capt. Bogardus Again Hits the Bull's Eye.

This world famous rifle shot who holds the championship record of 100 pigeons in 100 consecutive shots, is living at Lincoln, Ill. Recently interviewed, he said: "I have suffered a long time with kidney and bladder trouble and have used several well-known kidney medicines, all of which gave me no relief until I started taking Foley's Kidney Pills. Before I used Foley's Kidney Pills I was subjected to severe backache and pains in my kidneys, with suppression and oftentimes a cloudy voiding. While upon arising in the morning I would get dull headaches. Now I have taken three bottles of Foley's Kidney Pills and feel 100 per cent better. I am never bothered with my kidneys or bladder and once more feel like my own self. All this I owe solely to Foley's Kidney Pills and always recommend them to my fellow sufferers." Will McLean.

One Difference.

Examiner—Now, children, what is the difference between "pro" and "con"? Bright Boy—Please, sir, they're spelt different.—London Punch.

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If we get anything out of the fields worth while it will be this measure, this largeness and quiet. It may be only an owl or a tree toad that we go forth to see, but how much more we find in things we cannot bear by day—things long, long forgotten, things we never thought or dreamed before. The day is none too short, the night none too long, but all too narrow is the edge between.—Dallas Lore Sharp in Atlantic.

#### The Real Napoleon.

At a review of the national guard at the Tuilleries shortly before Waterloo I had for some time a most complete opportunity of contemplating this extraordinary being. His face is of a deadly pale, his jaws overhanging, but not so much as I had heard. His hair is short, of a dark, dusky brown. He generally stood with his hands knit behind him or folded before him and three or four times took snuff out of a plain brown box. Once he looked at his watch, which, by the way, had a gold face and, I think, a brown hair chain, like an English one. His teeth seemed regular, but not clean. He very seldom spoke, but when he did smiled in some sort agreeably. He looked about him—not knitting, but joining, his eyebrows. As the front of each regiment passed he put up the first finger of his left hand quickly to his hat to salute, but did not move his head or hat. He had an air of sedate impatience.—From "Recollections of a Long Life," by Lord Broughton.

#### Clearly Understood.

They seldom gave dinner parties, and those they gave were small. But

they liked things done decently and in order and generally had the best. On the afternoon of one of the little parties the host summoned the boy in buttons and said to him, "Now, John, you must be careful how you hand round the wine."

"Yes, sir."  
"These bottles with the black seals are the best and these with the red seals the inferior sherry. The best sherry is for after dinner. The inferior sherry you will hand around with the hock after soup. You understand—hock and inferior sherry after soup?"

"Yes, sir; perfectly," responded the boy in buttons.  
The evening came and with it the guests. Everything went on swimmingly till the boy went round the table asking each of the guests, "Hock or inferior sherry?"—London Tit-Bits.

#### When the Fairies Are Noisy.

Among the flowers which are said to be very popular with fairies are bluebells, harebells and wood sorrel. All these flowers are used by the fairies to attract the attention of their friends who are at a little distance. If you are ever out in the woods when the bluebell or wood sorrel begins to peep in delicate, soft tones you will know that the little flower is being awayed to and fro by some visiting fairy. The foxglove, known also as the fairy bells, are also said to be used by the fairies for chimes, but when the little people wish to sound a real resounding blast that shall awaken from slumber some tiny friend in a nearby flower bed or thicket they use not a bell, but a rose leaf rolled up into a very charming horn.—Lexington Leader.

#### The Beggars of Madeira.

There is only one fly in the ointment of Madeira comfort—the beggars. They begin to beg before they can walk, and they call "Penny, penny!" before they can lip the sacred name of "mamma." However, one good thing has come of our experience with them. They have prepared us for beggars elsewhere. We are hardened now—at least we think we are. The savor of pity has gone out of us.—Albert Bigelow Paine in Outing Magazine.

#### A Prize Watchdog.

Gentleman—But I am afraid he wouldn't make a good watchdog. Man (with bull terrier)—Not a good watchdog! Why, Lor' bless your 'eart, it was only last week that this wery animal held a burglar down by the throat and beat his brains out with his tail.—London Tatler.

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It was a case of assault, and the literally downtrodden wife was laying her grievances before the magistrate. "He started by giving me a buff on the nut," explained the angry complainant. "My good woman," rebuked the magistrate, "you mustn't talk like that here. I suppose you mean he gave you a blow upon the head."

"Yus, yer washup. An' then 'e tried ter do me in by chuckin' 'is 'baccy box at me."

"By which I presume you mean," interposed the justice of the peace severely, "that he tried to injure you by precipitating his box of tobacco at you. Pray proceed and avoid slang and inform the court what other injuries he inflicted upon you."

"Well, then, he—er—he—"  
"Come, come!" snapped the magistrate, really beginning to lose his temper. "Don't waste the time of the court."

The ill used wife looked about her helplessly. "Excuse me, yer washup," she exclaimed at length, "but I was wonderin' what was the pet name in this 'ere court for a buff on the jib!"—London Answers.

**Woman—and Her Master.**  
The philosopher and his friend sat far into the night discoursing on things in general and smoking strong shag. "Woman," said the former oracularly, "was meant to fill a subordinate position in the scheme of creation. Man is naturally her master. She cannot rationally oppose his will. He is instinctively and by the law of natural selection the dominant animal. Woman may learn to revolt, but she can never learn to rule. She has one mission in life—that of obedience. Man is born to lead, woman to follow. Man is born to command, woman to comply. She is secure only in her weakness. It is at once her duty and delight to obey her superior and—"

Then the door opened, and there appeared the head of a female thereat. "Theophilus," said a stern voice, "how often have I told you not to smoke your horrid tobacco in the library? It's half past 2, sir. Come to bed instantly."

And the philosopher sighed, shook his friend silently by the hand and went.—London Sketch.

**A Tempest in a Teapot.**  
What war was caused by a clay teapot?  
For an answer to this question we must go, as might be supposed, to the land of pigtails and porcelain. The story goes that a Chinese emperor in olden days gave as a mark of special favor a magnificent clay teapot of rare design to Lo Hung Chang, his favorite mandarin. This was laid up as a priceless possession among the treasures of Lo Hung or borne at his side by two attendants at all high public festivals and functions. A rival mandarin saw these signs of distinction with the green eyes of jealousy and hired a man to break the obnoxious pot. The clumsy fellow was caught in the act and betrayed his master. War followed between the two mandarins and their respective followers, which resulted in the overthrow and death of Lo Hung Chang and the reception of his rival into royal favor in his place.

**Seet on His Suit.**  
They were having a spelling lesson at a certain district school the other day, and the little scholars were all arranged in front of the teacher, spelling away for dear life, trying to see how near they could get to the head.

The word "chimney" was given out to a little black eyed girl who had been spelling words correctly throughout the morning, but she missed this one by inadvertently leaving out the "h."

Quick as a wink the little boy next her pounced on the word and spelled it correctly.

"You may go up one, Johnnie," said the teacher.

"I don't want to," whined Johnnie, getting ready to cry. "My mother would whip me if I did, because I'd get all over soot."—London Fun.

**Might Have Been Put Differently.**  
We cut the announcement below from a New Zealand paper: "Notice.—The Maoris who are breeding pigs in Takahue, such as Mrs. Peter and Mr. Sam Yates, are supposed to look after their pigs and keep them away from rooting my paddocks, or else if they do not I shall shoot every pig I come across. Secretary L. Howell."

This is decidedly one of the things that might have been put differently.—Westminster Gazette.

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### Sunshine and Dust.

There is more dust in the places illuminated by the sun's rays than in those which we call shady. If you look along a beam of light as it streams through a window or a chink in the door you will see innumerable dust particles dancing about in the light. You will be told by most persons that there is just as much dust in the non-illuminated parts of the room as in the more favored spaces, but you cannot see the particles because the rays do not fall directly upon them. You will think that this is eminently plausible, but it is not the case. The sun falling upon the air creates irregular currents, and these currents stir up the dust and collect it in layers along the line of light; hence there is more dust where the sun shines than elsewhere. A curious experience in a museum gave proof of this. It was noticed that there was always more dust on the glass cases exposed to the sunbeams than on those which were never touched by the rays of the great orb, and this led to an inquiry, with the above result.

### Trended by a Thermometer.

One night many years ago Dr. White was walking along with the messenger when he was set upon and knocked down in a lonely part of the road. His pockets were rifled, and he was left lying on the road with a fracture of the skull. One of the articles stolen was a clinical thermometer with which he had that evening taken the temperature of a patient suffering from enteric fever. He remembered the temperature registered, also that he had not shaken down the mercury before putting the thermometer back in his pocket, and he communicated these facts to the police. Some time afterward a thermometer registering the identical temperature was discovered in a pawnshop in Glasgow, and by this means the police were enabled to track the doctor's assailants and to arrest them in one of the Glasgow theaters.—Glasgow Medical Journal.

### Shell Sculptors.

The workman manipulated the comb of pale, translucent tortoise shell like putty, molding the top with his fingers into small balls.

"You thought we carved shell, hey?" he said, with an Italian accent. "No, no. We cut it up and mold it. We are shell sculptors."

He took three pieces of shell from a pot of steaming water and laid them very carefully, one on top of the other, in a press.

"Shell is like glue," he said. "These three pieces will weld together, and not a sign of a seam will show. Sometimes we work nine, four, twenty pieces together. I learned my trade in Naples. I don't want to boast, but we Neapolitans are the best workers in shell and coral that there are in the world."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### Her Transformation.

Irene was a little street wail. A kind hearted woman called her into her home one day, gave her a bath, brushed her hair and arranged it becomingly, tying it with a clean pretty ribbon. She stopped back to view the result. A friend who was present remarked that there was such a change one would scarcely know that it was the same child. Then the little girl spoke up bravely. "But, my name's Irene yet, ain't it?"—Dollinger.

### Mr. O'Donnell and the Heir.

An excellent ball was perpetrated in the house of a common one morning at half past 1 o'clock. Mr. O'Donnell was the author. He rose suddenly to his feet and cut into the debate with, "At this late hour of the morning, Mr. Speaker—"

"Early hour for you," from the government benches.

"Well, Mr. Speaker," he continued, "at this early hour of the following day."

### True Enough.

Irritated Citizen—Aren't you ashamed of yourself, going about with that street organ and leading such a lazy life? Street Organist—Lazy life? Why, Mr. life with me is one long daily grind.—Echo.

### He Lived Well.

He—Yes, he lives on the fat of the land. She—What is he? He—An anti-medicine manufacturer.—Comic Cuts.

Life's a reckoning we cannot make twice over. You cannot mend a wrong subtraction by doing your addition right.—George Elliot.

### Better Dad Than Editors.

Judge—How do you earn your living? Prisoner—By writing, your honor. Judge—And what do you write for? Would you mind telling us? Prisoner—Not at all. I write for money from home.—Judge's Library.

### Could He?

If a man saw his sister fall into a well, why could he not rescue her? Because he could not be a brother and assist her too.

### He Knew Better.

Mr. Budd—Life is full of contradictions. Mrs. Budd—And I say it isn't.

## Put Off



Unpleasant consequences usually follow a put-off.

Of course you intend to subscribe for this paper for the coming year. Why put off till tomorrow that which you can just as easily do today?

## THE ALARMING INCREASE OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

### "He died of Bright's Disease."

Hardly a week passes that this statement is not made in reference to some prominent citizen.

The increasing prevalence of this disease makes the present time seem most opportune for discussion in the hope that some who are unconsciously afflicted with this dreaded disease may receive timely warning.

A prominent citizen residing in a nearby town informs us that he suffered for nearly a year from Bright's Disease, but that he recently effected a complete cure.

"What seemed to be the first indications of the trouble," was asked.

"They seemed hardly worth noticing. My digestion bothered me at times, my stomach seemed out of order, and I had occasional backaches, but I thought it was due to too much work."

"Did you take anything?" "I did not. Later, my strength failed me, I had severe pains in the back and noticed some irregularities of the urine, I couldn't sleep well at night. I then used some simple remedies, but without benefit."

"Did you realize that your trouble was Bright's Disease?"

"I never thought of such a thing. Finally, my condition became serious. My back ached all the time, I had shooting pains in my joints and a weak tired feeling at the knees, a little work played me out completely. I then began doctoring for kidney trouble but did not improve very much."

"Did you have any trouble with your heart?"

"Yes, I had spells of heart throbbing and a nervous faint feeling. I thought I had heart disease and treated awhile for that. Nothing seemed to help me. I had to give up trying to work."

"How did you effect a cure?"

"A friend of mine persuaded me to try Prickly Ash Bitters. I bought a bottle of my druggist. After taking it a week I began to feel some better, my urine became more natural and there was a gradual lessening of my misery. I kept on taking Prickly Ash Bitters for several weeks and I could feel my strength returning—slowly at first—but increasing daily. I am now entirely cured of my trouble and able to do a full day's work without the least fatigue. I consider Prickly Ash Bitters the grandest kidney medicine in the world."

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### Cosmic Dust.

A particle of dust one-hundred thousandths of an inch in diameter is held in its place in space by the force of gravitation, but a particle smaller than this is pushed outward into space by the weight of the sun's light, because as the particle becomes smaller its surface, which is subject to pressure, becomes greater in proportion to its weight.

The sun's corona, the zodiacal light, the aurora borealis and the comet's tail are all composed of these infinitely minute particles, in some cases white hot and in others merely illuminated by the sun, which are being constantly driven away from the sun by the pressure of its light.

In the case of the aurora borealis there is a movement of the light both away from and toward the sun. This is explained by the theory that the weight of the sun's light presses the particles outward into space for a certain distance and that then a certain number of them cohere together until they have sufficient weight to be attracted toward the sun once more by the force of gravitation.

### Rarely Disturbed.

Two spiders who dwelt in different parts of a church chanced to meet together in the aisle one day when out for a constitutional.

"How are you getting on?" said spider No. 1 to spider No. 2.

"Oh, moderately!" was the reply. "I don't feel very comfortable on Sundays. I live in the pulpit under the cushion, and on that day the parson comes and bangs the book and sends his hats on the side, and I have to keep very close or else some day I think he'll hit me. He bangs with such a force that I know he'll squash me to a jelly."

"Oh, you come and live with me!" said his companion. "I'm never troubled. I'm always comfortable and never disturbed from one year's end to the other."

"Indeed!" said the other spider. "And where do you live?"

"Oh, I live in the parson's box!" was the reply.—Pearson's Weekly.

### Antiquity of Fishing.

Probably no branch of industry can lay claim to greater antiquity than that of fishing. Its origin would seem to be coeval with the earliest efforts of human ingenuity, for the oldest

monuments of antiquity show the fisherman in full possession of the implements of his calling, and even those tribes of savages which have learned neither to keep flocks nor to till the fields are skilled in the fabrication of the hook, the fish spear and the net. The earliest civilization of the eastern Mediterranean was begun with fishing. Sidon, which means "fishery," was originally a fishing village, and its enterprising inhabitants devoted their attention mainly to the collection of a certain kind of mollusks, from which they prepared the famous tyrian purple, prized more highly for the richness and variety of its hues than any other dye known to the ancients.

### The Aurora Borealis.

Whatever may be the cause of the aurora borealis, its height does not appear to be limited by the atmosphere. The rays sometimes touch the earth in Scandinavia, coming between the observer and elevated places, but Plogel years ago obtained data showing that a large aurora seen in northern Germany must have had a height of sixty miles and that the rays often rise to 470 miles, their points glowing with red light.

### Dropped the Subject.

"Five thousand dollars for a dog!" he exclaimed as he looked up from his newspaper. "Do you believe any one ever paid any such price, Maria?" "I'm sure I don't know, James," she returned without stopping her needlework even for a moment. "Does the paper say that much was paid?"

"Yes. There's an article on valuable dogs, and it speaks of one that was sold for \$5,000. I don't believe it."

"It may be true, James," she said quietly. "Some of these well bred animals bring fancy prices, and there's no particular reason why the paper should lie about it."

"I know that, Maria. But just think of it—just try to grasp the magnitude of that sum in your weak feminine mind! You don't seem to realize it. Five thousand dollars for a dog! Why hang it, Maria, that's more than I'm worth!"

"I know it, James, but some are worth more than others."

She went calmly on with her sewing, while he fumed and spluttered for a moment and then dropped the subject, especially the weak feminine mind part of it.

### His Generosity.

"Yes," said the tired looking woman, "I have a very generous husband, and this is the way he gets that reputation. The other day I worked and slaved in the kitchen for about ten hours making jelly. It was my first attempt, so I had considerable trouble and burned my fingers about seventeen different times. It turned out pretty good, however, and of course I was proud and delighted. That night I put some on the table for dinner, and husband got enthusiastic."

"Next day he was visiting a sick friend of his, a man, by the way, quite able to buy anything he might want and whose wife never lifts her finger. On leaving Mr. Generous Husband says: 'My wife made some pretty good jelly the other day. You might like some. I'll send you up half a dozen jars.'"

"Now, wouldn't that frost you or rasp you or whatever they say. Half a dozen jars! After all my work to hand that jelly over to a man whose wife is too lazy to breathe! I made exactly eight jars, so we will have one more unless he has already promised it to somebody else."—New York Press.

### More Than One Trafalgar Square.

The Scotland Yard examination which would be taxicab drivers have to undergo in the knowledge of London is no mere matter of form. "If," asked the inquisitor recently of a candidate, "a fare hails you in Trafalgar square and asks to be driven to Trafalgar square what would you do?" "I should drive him around a bit and drop him on the other side of the square," replied the candidate. And he was turned down, for he did not know that London has three Trafalgar squares besides the finest site in Europe—one in Camberwell, one in Chelsea and one in Stepney.—London Chronicle.

### The Water Jet.

The idea of driving piles with a water jet was borrowed by engineers from the clam, a small shellfish which burrows twelve to fourteen inches into hard sand or mud by this process.

He who lives in the spirit never grows old. The outward man perishes, but the inward man has a perpetual youth.—Phillips Brooks.

# For the Next Thirty Days

Porcelain lined three inch rolled rim bath tub with nickel plated overflow and waste pipe, 4 1-2 inch Fuller double bath-fawcett complete for

## \$20.00

Have full line of water and gas pipes, also agent for the best gas plant on earth. Repair your pumps and windmills at small cost. Genasco Trinidad Asphalt Roofing.

## WE'VE GOT IT

We are now able to show you right in our store the powerful, sturdy labor saver which you have seen advertised in every farm paper you pick up.

## Fuller & Johnson Farm Pump Engine

It costs so little that every farmer can afford one, yet it is simply marvelous. Besides pumping, it runs separator, churn, grindstone, and any machine ordinarily run by hand. It is the finest thing you ever saw. Everyone wonders why "no one ever thought of it before." You're sure to want one when you see it chugging away "doing things." Come in and see it work. We want to give you a catalog free.

See the Pulley for Running Light Machinery



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# To Our Friends

We wish to thank our friends in and around Crockett for their good wishes so generously expressed at the opening of the sale of our lots in the town of

## —LOBO, TEXAS—

Not only did you come in and give us a word of encouragement and wish us all kinds of good luck in our new undertaking, but you did more—you came in and selected lots in our townsite, which showed us you were "with us."

### OUR FIRST DAY'S SALE

surpassed our fondest expectations. When we closed the doors of our office at 6 o'clock Monday evening, our blue-print showed 63 lots in red, which meant that we had sold 63 lots that day, and they were sold to our friends in Crockett. We doubt if any other real estate firm ever had such liberal support among their immediate friends. We can only say

### We Thank You

and we want to again assure you that every promise we have made in the way of improvements and in developing our town *we intend to fulfill to the letter.* Any investment in Lobo

## IS A GOOD INVESTMENT

and every purchaser will realize a handsome profit. We guarantee every lot to be a perfect building site and to be

### A GOOD ONE

Whatever success we may attain the bigger portion of it is due you

## For Your Patronage

Again thanking you, we are very respectfully

### Lobo Land and Irrigation Company, Inc., Crockett, Texas

P. S. We have a number of good, desirable lots that are not sold. Better come around to our office and get one before we start out throughout the United States.

L. L. & I. Co.

#### A BIT OF SLANG.

##### Origin of "Making a Noise Like" This or That.

Captain Henry G. Lyon, U. S. A., was the innocent cause of the slang expression about "making a noise like" this or that. At Peekskill in 1906 he gave instruction to officers of the New York national guard doing duty in that town of camp. The first day he formed the officers into a class in the big mess hall, which was open at the sides, so that all that went on inside was seen and heard by the enlisted men passing back and forth. In teaching the officers how to give the commands Captain Lyon impressed upon the class the necessity of clear enunciation and of making commands like an officer, saying "arms," not "umps," etc.

The privates' capacity for turning things to their own amusement was shown a few minutes after that first class was dismissed, for officers going through their company streets heard privates in front of a group of men shouting out, "Make a noise like an officer!" whereupon the entire "class" would roar "Umps!" A reporter sent an account to a New York paper, and from this grew expressions such as "Make a noise like a hoop and roll away," etc.

However, it is seldom one hears the word "arms" or "march," the voice finding it much easier to slur the word till it may mean anything, and as the preparatory command indicates what is to be done the command following is merely a signal for the execution of what has already been specified.—Army and Navy Journal.

#### LEGAL ADVICE.

##### The Lawyer's Duty in Giving Counsel to His Client.

In the realm of advice a lawyer may choose between counseling his client how to uphold the rights secured to him by the justice of his cause or how to obtain benefits from the application of technicalities and the use of the weaknesses of the particular statute or precedents under consideration whereby he may attain advantages inconsistent with fair play between man and man.

Every time a lawyer encourages such an application of the law as, resulting in injustice, casts disrepute upon the law or its administration he is plainly promoting discord either in the present or the future.

Every time a lawyer counsels con-

troversy for the establishment of a right as recognized by existing law or for the promulgation of new law beneficial to the majority of society he is exercising his true function, and the charge which he lays upon his individual client and through him upon industry and progress in the mass, if reasonable in amount, is well earned and should be cheerfully paid.

When, however, a lawyer gives the other kind of advice the expense, perhaps cheerfully borne by the client who profits personally therefrom, must be finally laid upon society as a whole, which is thereby paying for its own injury and naturally resents the charge.—Donald R. Richberg in Atlantic.

##### Sitting on the Snakes.

"While in Paris last summer another girl and I went out to Versailles one afternoon," said a schoolteacher. "It was dusk when we reached the railway station, and, as there was no waiting room, we sat down on two crates that were out on the platform among a lot of others. We noticed that the station employees kept staring at us with a persistence that was annoying. Presently a man in a shabby uniform with a bucket on his arm approached us. He touched his cap deferentially and said in French, of course:

"Mesdames, pray do not let me disturb you, but I am forced to open the boxes on which you are seated in order to feed the boa constrictor and other serpents that are within."

"When we recovered from our fright we found we had been seated in the midst of a huge collection of snakes that had just arrived from their native jungles en route for the zoo near Versailles."—Exchange.

##### Seeking For Danger.

"I'm going to lick Smith."  
"Why?"  
"He said I was a horse thief and a liar."  
"Did he prove it?"  
"No."  
"Then let well enough alone and don't get him any madder."—Cleveland Leader.

##### Imperiled Treasure.

Indignant Wife—That new chauffeur has only just brought the children and me home, and now he's taken the cook out for a spin. Husband—Great heaven! He doesn't half know how to manage a car, and she's the first decent cook we've had in a year.—Brooklyn Life.

##### The Southerner and Corn.

The southerner feeds himself, his pigs and his progeny upon corn. He slept in his frontiersman's cabin upon a mattress made of the husks. Today he contributes some of its pith to the manufacture of gun cotton with which to blow the enemy to Beelzebub and some more of it to the manufacture of cellulose to pack behind the armor of his country's battleships to prevent them from sinking when projectiles pierce their plates. He plants corn as early in the springtime as the season will permit and gets up at dawn to go into the fields and tickle its spreading roots with a double shovel plow. In midwinter he smokes his corn cob pipe before a corn cob fire. Looking into a bed of glowing embers through a blue haze of the smoke of incense burned to Mondamin, he returns thanks for the cornmeal in the cupboard and dreams happily of the "ros'n ear" of the golden summer to come. His appreciation of the value of Indian corn is high. His affection for it in its various forms is abiding.

The great Duke of Argyll was visiting his son, then governor general of Canada, and met Longfellow in the American poet's ancient colonial mansion at Cambridge, Mass. As they sat together on the veranda the duke persistently asked the names of the various birds he saw and heard singing in the poet's trees as well as of the flowers and bushes growing in his extensive and beautiful garden. Longfellow was neither botanist nor ornithologist and did not know.

"I was surprised to find your Longfellow such an ignorant person," said the duke subsequently to an American acquaintance.

"Indeed! Pray, on what subject?"

"Why, he could not tell me the names of the birds and flowers to be heard and seen in his own garden."

"May I ask how many languages you speak?" the American asked.

"Certainly—but one."

"Mr. Longfellow," was the answer, "speaks six and translates freely from almost all the languages of Europe."

##### Rise of Russia.

In the history of Europe down to the middle of the eighteenth century Russia is a blank. The foundation of the kingdom was laid by Ruric the Norseman in the ninth century. In the tenth century the Russians were Christianized, adopting the Greek form of Christianity. In the thirteenth century the Russians were completely overrun by the Tartars under Garghis Khan. From the Tartars Russia was delivered by Ivan, who became czar in the time of Elizabeth. It was Peter the Great (1672-1725) who gave Russia for the first time a place in the states system of Europe.—New York American.

##### From Experience.

Mrs. Enpeck—I learned today that Bob Smith and Mary Jones were secretly married ten months ago. Just think of it! Married nearly a year and nobody the wiser! Mr. Enpeck—Oh, I don't know! I'll bet Smith was a whole lot wiser before he had been married a month.

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To kill fleas, chicken lice, ticks on cattle and horses, and all other insects such as bed-bugs, water-bugs, cockroaches, etc., or money refunded. Free spray with every bottle. For sale by

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With us quality is a hobby and we ride it. If we see anything better than what we have we at once stock it. We endeavor at all times to keep abreast of the times and when you buy of us you may rest assured that you have the best we know of. Call on us for anything in our line.

## The Murchison-Beasley Drug Company

### Local News.

Miss Lena Bromberg visited at Palestine last week.

W. A. R. French of Ratcliff was here last week.

Society shoes for ladies for sale only at the Big Store.

Miss Elizabeth Seward left Friday for her home in Houston.

Mrs. Mary Hathaway of Palestine is visiting Mrs. J. E. Downes.

W. H. Duren of Route 6 was a visitor at the Courier office Monday.

If you wear shoes you should read the Big Store's half-page ad this week.

When you buy shoes get the best. The Big Store sells them. Go and see.

W. H. Threadgill of Kennard was among the Courier's friends in town Friday.

It pays to buy shoes that are made of solid leather. The Big Store sells them.

Ask your grocer for Clinton's pure cider vinegar and insist on having no other.

Be sure to notice the Big Store's shoe window. You will see something you want.

Harry Baker and sister, Mrs. Payne, of Greenville are visiting relatives and friends here.

Walker King of Palestine is attending the National Education Association at Indianapolis, Ind.

For bath or shave go to Friend. Best equipped shop in Houston county. Cleanliness our hobby.

Bring me your chickens and eggs if you want the highest price. H. J. Phillips.

The Big Store sells Star Brand shoes, manufactured by Roberts-Johnson & Rand, and they are better.

W. A. Woolley of Route 5 and J. T. Simmons of Route 2 were visitors at the Courier office Saturday.

Clinton's pure cider vinegar is the best on the market. Ask your grocer for it and insist on having no other.

I am now prepared to handle your eggs, chickens, turkeys and all other poultry. Will give you highest market price.

H. J. Phillips.

Insist on being supplied with Clinton's pure cider vinegar. It is the best on the market, home-made and pure.

#### House for Rent.

Five-room cottage for rent in Bruner addition. See Johnson Arledge. tf.

**FOR SALE**—Good sawed heart pine shingles, \$3.25; mixed shingles, \$2.25. Phone 216. tf B. L. Satterwhite.

I buy and sell second-hand shoes and do all kinds of repair work and sell sole leather. Mike Ferris.

J. E. Lundy, J. B. Sowers, W. A. Sowers and J. H. Sallas, all of Lovelady, are among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

I want to rent a good residence, not less than 5 rooms. Would like garden and barn. Close in if possible. Will rent by year. tf Box 123, Crockett, Tex.

We have always represented some of the strongest tailoring houses in America, and have recently added the Royal Tailors to our force. Shupak Tailoring Co.

#### Excursion Notice.

Excursion rates via I. & G. N. R. R. to Fort Worth and return account Fat Stock and Horse Show, March 14-19, 1910. For full particulars see agent I. & G. N. R. R. 2t.

#### Real Estate.

Have for sale 86 acres of Wm. Connor league near Kennard, part woods and part cleared. Cash or credit. Known as McLemore place. If you want a bargain address A. G. Carter, Marshall, Texas. 4t.\*

#### Lost Horse.

A red-roan horse, slightly sway-backed, about 12 years old, white saddle marks on back, left eye out. Reward, \$5. Missed from my place about eight weeks ago. S. C. Leediker, Lovelady, Texas. 2t.\* R. D. No. 2.

#### Race Suicide

Is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

Morgan Watson, a negro "pistol-toter," broke jail Saturday night by removing some brick from a wall and was recaptured near Lovelady Wednesday morning. The negro had been left in the "run-around" to wait on Dick Seibert, a lunatic.

E. M. Callier announces this week for re-election as justice of the peace of precinct No. 1. Mr. Callier has held this office for several terms and is giving universal satisfaction. He is always prompt in his reports and was complimented by the last grand jury, sitting as a finance committee, for his promptness and accuracy.

Mrs. L. L. Cannon cordially invites the ladies of Houston county to visit her grand millinery opening March 25 and 26. Her trimmer, Miss Lila Hale, has just returned from market where she spent two weeks in the wholesale houses copying New York and Paris models. She has the very latest ideas in millinery. Don't fail to see them. 3t.

W. H. Bayne announces this week for re-election as county treasurer. Mr. Bayne is serving his first term, having received the nomination two years ago. The affairs of his office are in first-class shape. Mr. Bayne is too well known to need any recommendation from the Courier. He solicits your support in the coming election.

#### A Correction.

Editor Courier:—In my communication which appeared in your issue of March 3, I find the following language: "The court gave him, 'the great boss of the Courier,' \$12,500.00 to do the job." I intended to say "1,250.00" instead of "\$12,500.00." I will thank you to make this correction for me. S. H. Lively.

#### City Ordinance.

An ordinance fixing the amount of road tax of the city of Crockett for the year 1910:

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that the road tax of the city of Crockett for the year of 1910 shall be five dollars (\$5.00) or eight (8) days work. C. L. Edmiston, Mayor.

M. Satterwhite, Secretary.

#### Scholarship for Sale.

The Courier has a scholarship in the best business college in the South that it will sell at a discount. This scholarship is worth \$110 and cannot be bought for a cent less than that at the college. It is good for an unlimited business and stenographic course in the Port Arthur Business College, the only endowed business college in the South. If you are interested call at or write to the Courier office for further particulars.

#### Would Have Cost Him His Life.

Oscar Bowman, Lebanon, Ky., writes: "I have used Foley's Kidney Remedy and take great pleasure in stating it cured me permanently of kidney disease which certainly would have cost me my life." Will McLean.

Pneumonia follows a cold, but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs and expels the cold from the system. Will McLean.

## Empress Flour

Is the only flour made in America according to the world famous German process. In sacks and in wood. A trial tells the tale. To be had from

J. E. DOWNES.

# Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

## WARFIELD BROTHERS,

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#### Woman's Home Mission Society.

The year's report of the Woman's Home Mission Society is as follows:

Amount raised from membership dues.....	\$ 39 60
Amount raised during week of prayer.....	34 25
Amount raised from conference pledge (extra \$1)	33 00
Amount of conference expense fund sent conference treasurer.....	8 25
Amount raised for immigration.....	10 00
Value of supplies given locally.....	97 40
Cash expended for assistance of needy.....	11 00
Cash expended on parsonage.....	21 10
Cash expended on furnishing church.....	136 55

Total funds expended locally and reported to conference treasurer...\$391 15

Number of needy relieved, 31; number of leaflets distributed, 30; visits to sick and strangers, 356; number of garments in good order given away, 40; box sent to orphan's home, valued at \$75.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. R. E. McConnell; 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Warfield; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Steve Box; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Jas. Langston; recording secretary, Mrs. B. E. Satterfield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. LeGory; treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Burton; local treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Peck; agent for Our Homes and librarian, Mrs. Joe Adams; press reporter, Mrs. Dan McConnell.

#### Paine Accepted Devoe's Offer.

Good yarn: How Devoe got an agent at Delhi, N. Y.

Gladstone & Paine were agents for \_\_\_\_\_; we musn't tell names. Devoe wanted 'em. Paine was painting his big Colonial house. Said it took 10 gallons of white for the trim.

Devoe sent him 10 gallons and said: if you get it all on, no pay; if you have any left return it and pay for the rest. Agreed.

He returned four gallons and took the agency. Four or five years ago. He knows now that his old paint was and is adulterated; that's why it took ten gallons to equal six of Devoe.

Go by the name; there is but one name to go by: Devoe lead-and-zinc. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

#### A Neighbor of Yours

As well as yourself, is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's Snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds.

Bloating after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash, may be quickly corrected through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady, special agents.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. Will McLean.

#### City Ordinance.

An ordinance regulating speed of automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles, requiring night-lights, and requiring them to keep off sidewalks:

Sec. 1. It is hereby ordained that no automobile, motorcycle or bicycle shall travel over the streets of the city of Crockett at a greater rate of speed than ten miles per hour.

Sec. 2. All automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles shall be equipped with lamps, which shall be kept burning after sundown, provided that such automobile, motorcycle or bicycle is being run on the streets of the city of Crockett.

Sec. 3. No automobile, motorcycle or bicycle shall be run on any of the sidewalks within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett.

The infraction of any section of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense, and the person thus offending shall be fined in any sum not less than \$1 or more than \$25.

Believing that an emergency exists, the usual thirty days publication is hereby waived, and this ordinance will become effective immediately upon publication thereof. C. L. Edmiston, Mayor.

M. Satterwhite, Secretary.

#### NO REASON FOR IT.

#### When Crockett Citizens Show the Certain Way Out.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes of any kidney ills when relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that they can be cured. Read what a Crockett citizen says:

J. R. Bennett, of Crockett, Tex., says: "At times my kidneys did not do their work properly and my back ached so badly that I could scarcely straighten. When suffering in this way I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, and procured a box at I. W. Sweet's Drug Store. I had taken about one-half the contents when my trouble stopped and two months have since passed without any sign of its return."

For sale by all dealers! Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

#### A Night Alarm.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the metallic cough of croup. Careful mothers keep Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and give it at the first sign of danger. Foley's Honey and Tar has saved many little lives. No opiates. Will McLean.

Sour stomach, fullness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disorder at once, drives out badly digested food and tones the stomach, liver and bowels. Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady, special agents.

#### No Substitute.

Accept no substitute for Foley's Honey and Tar. It is the best and safest remedy for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. Contains no opiates and no harmful drugs. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and accept no substitutes. Will McLean.

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"WHERE ALL NATURE WEARS ONE UNIVERSAL SMILE."

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the democratic primary:

- For Representative  
J. R. Luce  
Dr. J. B. Smith
- For County Attorney  
B. F. Dent  
C. M. (Marvin) Ellis
- For County Judge  
E. Winfree
- For County Clerk  
O. C. Goodwin  
Nat E. Allbright
- For District Clerk  
J. D. (Joe) Sallas  
Joe Brown Stanton
- For Tax Assessor  
D. T. Adair
- For Tax Collector  
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
- For County Treasurer  
W. H. Bayne
- For Sheriff  
C. C. Mortimer  
O. B. (Deb) Hale  
A. W. Phillips
- County Superintendent of Schools  
John T. Crook  
J. F. Mangum
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
S. H. Lively  
J. D. Hill  
R. T. Kent
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2  
C. R. Stephenson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3  
John L. Straghan  
J. A. Harrelson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4  
J. M. Creasy  
C. B. Hallmark
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1  
E. M. Callier
- For Constable, Precinct No. 1  
K. J. (Bob) Spence  
P. E. Tunstall  
J. D. Sexton

### U. D. C.

The D. A. Nunn Chapter of the U. D. C. was delightfully entertained by Mrs. W. A. Norris at her pretty home on Main street February 26.

Despite the fact that we were experiencing one of Longfellow's "Rainy Days," there was quite a good attendance of the members and much interest manifested, the gloom outside only serving to enhance the charm and comfort of this inviting home.

In response to the call of the president the chapter came to order and the opening prayer was repeated in unison.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. P. Hail was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved. The treasurer was present, giving her report and receiving the dues paid in.

Several matters of business were brought before the chapter for consideration, and letters from the dean of Columbia University to the president, and from Mrs. Moore Murdock of Dallas, were read. Mrs. Murdock advises that

she will be with us the third of June, on which date we will have our annual memorial exercises.

At the close of the business session a beautiful quartette, "Rocked In the Cradle of the Deep," was rendered by Mesdames J. P. Hail, James S. Shivers, J. D. Woodson and D. F. Arledge.

The historical program was conducted by Mrs. Nunn as follows: Paper, description of various seals of Confederate States and name of official flower—read by Mrs. Jordan.

Reading, Life of James Ryder Randall, author of "Maryland"—Mrs. J. D. Woodson.

Music, "Maryland, My Maryland"—Quartette.

Paper, Story of the Seal of the Confederacy—Mrs. D. A. Nunn. In response to a gracious invitation from Mrs. J. D. Woodson, the chapter will be with her at its next regular meeting March 26.

The meeting was then adjourned to partake of the dainty refreshments prepared by the hostess, in the serving of which she was assisted by Misses Aleen Foster, Otis McConnell and Kathleen Hail.

Mrs. John LeGory,  
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

### Lovelady News.

Miss Anna Hard of Houston is a guest of Mrs. S. H. Tigner.

Mrs. G. B. Lundy, Mrs. W. B. Worthington and Miss Ruth Worthington of Crockett were guests of Mrs. H. H. LaRue last week.

Mrs. J. O. Monday and Miss Verne Monday have returned from a three weeks' visit to relatives and friends in Marlin and Waco.

Misses Nora Moore and Fannie Wills were visitors in Trinity Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Standley.

Miss Susie Kennedy of LaTexo was the guest of homefolks Sunday.

Miss Leila Hutchings of Elmina was a visitor in Lovelady last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shultz and Malcolm Murray of Trinity were Lovelady visitors Sunday.

Rev. A. L. Carnes of Grapeland filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Misses Mollie Mae Roark and Alice Farris of Dodge were guests of Miss Nell Turner a few days last week.

Gladys Denton, the 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. M. Denton, was accidentally shot Sunday morning while playing in the house. Several of the children were making up a bed when Gladys pulled the sheet off, throwing a pistol on the floor. The pistol was discharged and hit her in the chest, tearing a gash three or four inches long, passing on up through the cheek and making another ugly wound. As she held the sheet over her head, the bullet passed between the two bones of the wrist. A physician was called to dress the wounds, pronouncing them very painful but not dangerous.

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### A QUESTION OF BAIT.

Should the Beggar Leave Few or Many Cents in His Hat?

"One thing that I've never been able to settle in my mind to my own satisfaction," said a street beggar whose specialty is sitting on a step and holding out his hat to passersby, "is the question of how many pennies it is wise to have in the hat for people to see as they go by. Of course you understand there are two theories on this. Working on one you leave there only a few, just three or four pennies scattered around irregular, but pretty far apart, and on the other you leave in the hat a lot of pennies.

"Of course the idea of the first plan is to make people when they see how little you've got want to chip in and help, and the idea of the other plan is to stir people up to generosity by showing them how generous others have been, and there's a heap to be said for that. There's lots of people that give because other people have given—because they like to go with the crowd.

"I've tried both plans and had good days with lean bait and bad days with a full bait in the hat, and then I've had good days with a full bait and bad days with a lean bait. All you can do is, if one plan doesn't work well, try the other. You never can tell."—New York Sun.

### AVIATION.

The Dangers Involved in Three Dimensional Steering.

The navigation of the air is a form of locomotion that differs from all the others to which men have resorted in that it involves three dimensional steering.

It is in the three dimensional nature of aviation that the real wonder of it lies. Its demands upon the aviator's attention are almost appalling in number and constancy. The automobilist has to mind what he is about not a little, and a moment's carelessness means disaster, but his divagations from safety are all horizontal. The road and gravity take care of the others for him, while the aeroplanist can make mistakes all the way around a sphere; hence, in addition to tending an attentive ear to every sound from a complicated and delicate engine, he must manipulate one rudder for up and down, another for right and left and two more at the ends of his wings. And all these must be combined and co-ordinated. Water is stability itself in comparison with the medium through which he moves. When in flight, therefore, the aviator is probably the busiest man alive, and there is not an instant of rest for him till after he has made his perilous descent.—New York Times.

### He Put the Brake On.

In his autobiography the late Professor Shaler of Harvard tells this story: Once he was present at a dinner in England where Tyndall, the renowned scientist, started to tell about experiences in America. His descriptions were, to say the least, exaggerated. Just as he was telling about a thrilling escape from drowning which he had had while viewing Niagara falls—describing it with bursts of hyperbole—his eye happened to catch that of Shaler, whom he had not noticed before.

For a moment Tyndall stopped, abashed—then, with wink of the eye, as if begging Shaler not to "give him away," he continued the tale, but in a noticeably subdued vein.

At its conclusion Tyndall sought Shaler. "I fear that yarn of mine was rather highly colored," he confessed to the American, "but it is sometimes necessary to touch up the truth a bit."

### The Carbuncle.

Carbuncles, to which the ancients attributed fantastic properties, were in reality rubies. They served, it was said, to give light to large serpents or dragons whose sight had been enfeebled by age. They bore them constantly between their teeth and laid them down only for eating and drinking. It was even claimed that the carbuncle emitted light in darkness and that the thickest clothing could not stop its rays. Without all the exaggeration of such legends it was believed for a long time that rubies contained luminous rays. The truth is that they have double refraction and send out the red rays with unequalled brilliancy. Traversed in a vacuum by an electric current, they are illuminated with a red fire of extreme intensity. The greatest heat does not change their form or their color.

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and Progressive  
Texas Towns....

## CROCKETT

AND THE THRIVING TOWNS OF HOUSTON COUNTY  
LOVELADY, GRAPELAND AND KENNARD

Their Industries  
and Wealth  
As They Appear In 1910

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CROCKETT

A Financial Institution that  
Stands Out Conspicuous  
Among the Leading Banks  
in this Section of the State.

So much does individual enterprise and commercial progress depend on banking facilities in general that any review of Crockett's mercantile progress and standing by the Courier would be far from complete did it not contain mention of its monetary institutions contributing to them. To the favorable conditions locally existing in monetary affairs, and ever responsive in money matters, The First National Bank of Crockett merits special mention in our souvenir edition. The career of this bank from its inception, some 18 years ago, has been one of steady progress, due to the ability and wisdom of its management, whose policy has always taken the middle course between conservatism and liberality, blending both in all administrative affairs wherever and whenever it can stand the test of the application of business principles. The officers of this popular bank are: President, H. F. Moore; Vice President, John B. Smith; Active Vice President, Arch Baker, and Cashier, M. P. Jensen.

All of these gentlemen are reliable, conservative business men of experience, whose connection with any business establishment cannot but inure to its popularity and success. This popular bank solicits business from farmers, merchants and individuals upon the most favorable terms consistent with sound and safe banking, and guarantees satisfaction to all of its patrons. In fact, there is nothing pertaining to the duties of a first-class financial institution that it does not attend to in a prompt and satisfactory manner. The cash capital is one, if not the largest, of any bank in a town of this size in the state, it being \$100,000.00, with a surplus of \$50,000.00. Its deposits amount to over \$450,000, and the bank has out in loans, safeguarded by the very best security, \$425,000.00. This is a showing of which its officers and stockholders have good cause to feel proud, and one which should receive the hearty commendation of every citizen of Crockett and vicinity. During the 18 years in which this bank has been established in our city there has been no period even amidst the most stringent monetary conditions and money panics, that it has not been able to meet its obligations in full. Taken as a whole, we feel that the First National Bank of Crockett should be recognized, practically, as Crockett's foremost business enterprise. There is no one institution more worthy to head the list of our prominent concerns in an edition of this character, and we are proud to accord it that distinction. As citizens of enterprise who have displayed an unusual amount of energy and perseverance in the upbuilding of their home town, President H. F. Moore and the other officers have won the highest esteem of all who know them and it is with pleasure that we wish them and their popular institution continued success.

### T. J. WALLER

Extensive Dealer in Harness, Buggies and Hand Made Saddles, Bridles, Etc. Everything Up-to-Date.

In compiling an edition of this character it is always a pleasure to be able to point out to our readers a house which has from day to day maintained the highest standard of excellence in the trade. By diligent study and fine work, coupled with exceptionally good business qualities, Mr. T. J. Waller has succeeded in building up an enviable trade in our city in Harness, Buggies, Bridles and Hand-Made Saddles of every description. This is due to the fact that he is one of the leaders in his

Brief Pen Pictures of Our Leading Men of Affairs, Our Schools, Churches, Manufacturing Institutions, Business Houses, Etc. (Compiled by E. L. McNulty, Alfred J. Russell and B. E. Morris.)

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It is generally admitted that there is implanted in the human breast a natural inclination toward the possession of some permanent abiding place—some place called "Home and Fireside." Longfellow has charmingly said: "Each man's chimney is his milestone,

### DANIEL & BURTON

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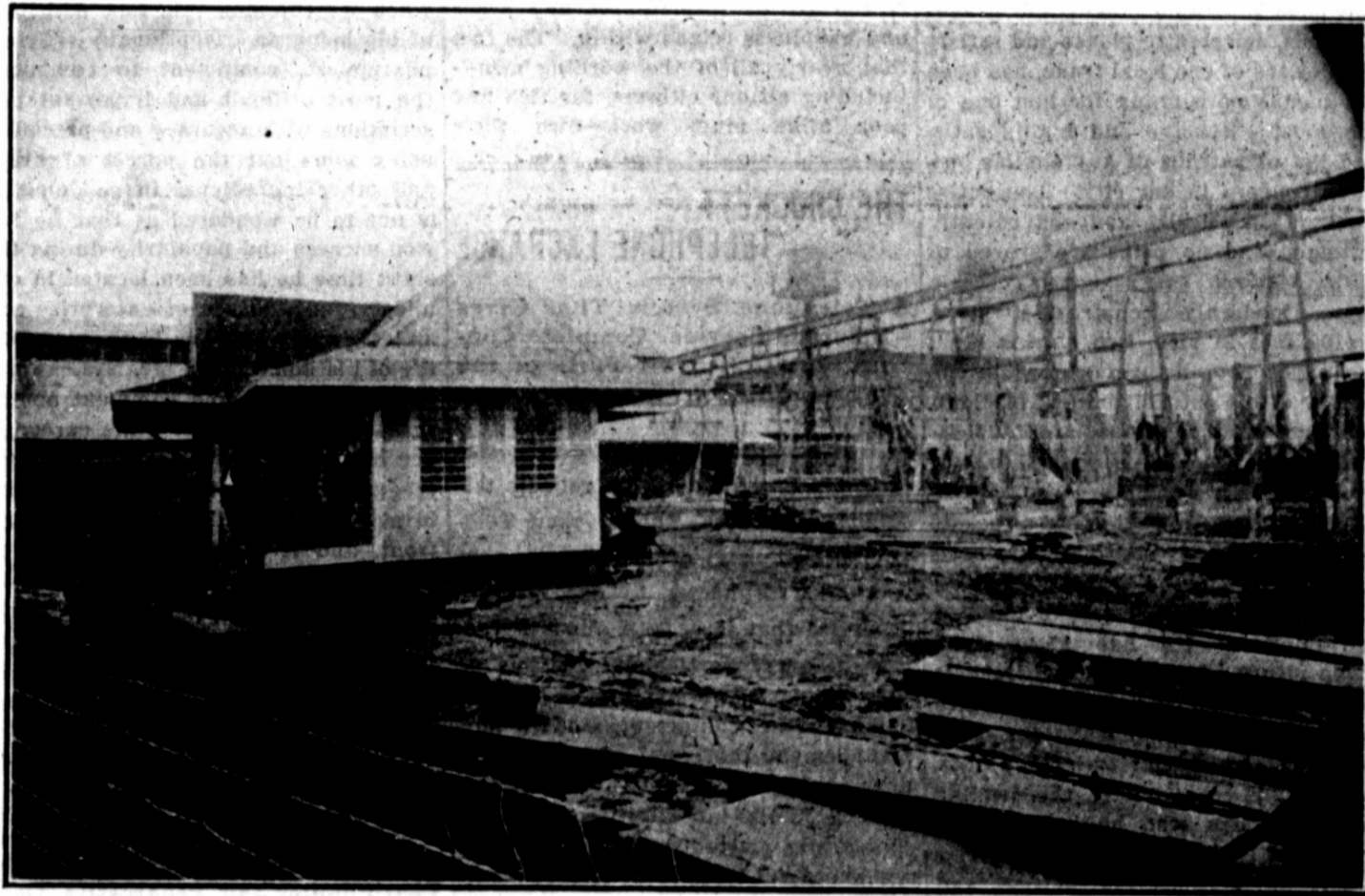
There is not another like sized town in the South that can boast of as many up to date mercantile establishments as can Crockett. The stores of the city that have been tried and not found wanting when it comes to good business houses are not many. There is one in particular that has won the confidence and patronage of the people and that one is the general merchandise establishment owned and controlled by Messrs. Daniel & Burton. Here is to be found a concern that stands out conspicuous among the up-to-date trade enterprises of this section of the

### THE HOUSTON COUNTY OIL MILL & MANUFACTURING CO.

One of the most up-to-date and successful Manufacturing Concerns in this Section of the State.

In enumerating and elaborating upon the various institutions and manufacturing industries of this city, there are certain special lines of production which seem to call for special mention and to merit more than ordinary attention. A concern of this character to which we wish to call special attention on account of its superiority and great prestige, is the Houston Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company, one of the largest and most successful manufacturers of cotton oil and seed products in this section of the state, and every citizen should be, and no doubt is, proud of its success. A feature of this enterprise commends it to the confidence and patronage of the entire public, is the care and attention that has been given to the perfecting of every department of the business. Nothing that hard work and the expending of ample finance can secure has been left undone to make this oil mill complete, so that the products manufactured are of the very best quality. Its officers and stockholders are all men of unusual hustle and ambition and take a personal pride in giving their patrons the worth of their money. The honest, conscientious manner in which they handle their extensive business has built up a large trade in the oil markets of the world. The company has gained an extensive patronage from farmers in the line of hulls, meal and fertilizer.

The importance of cotton seed meal and hulls as stock food is little realized by our farmers and feeders. It is a known fact that this meal runs 55 per cent protein and fat, while corn has only 13 per cent. Mules and horses that are worked hard need at least two pounds of digestible protein and six pounds of digestible fat per day. By giving any animal a ration of five pounds of meal and fifteen pounds of hulls this above desired result will be obtained in a much better and cheaper manner than feeding corn and hay. Another product of cotton seed that is changing our daily home life is the oil. Cotton seed oil, deodorized as it comes from the Houston County meal is being used much more successfully than lard as shortening. It is cheaper, better and more healthful. For biscuits, cakes and pastry it has no equal and it is being bought directly from the home mill by those who want the very best things to eat on their table. The truck growing and farming interests of Houston county are fast forging to the front, and many of the most successful farmers and gardeners are coming to learn the great advantage of the fertilizer manufactured by our home oil mill. This fertilizer is the most effective and is sold at a reasonable price. The company is now erecting a new plant so as to be able next season to manufacture fertilizer on a larger scale. The building is to be three stories, including basement, and will have a capacity of fifty tons. There is no more successful oil mill in the South than this. The company is increasing its business every year, during the season ending 1910 they shipped in and out 800 cars of products. They have created a valuable local market for cotton seed, and have added greatly to the general prosperity of the community by distributing thousands of dollars among the farmers and cotton planters in payment for their cotton seed, and added



Improvements Being Made at the Houston Co. Oil Mill

line in the state, and always uses his best endeavors to please his patrons, both as to the quality of the work, high grades of goods and reasonableness in prices charged. All orders for repairing are promptly attended to and done with neatness and dispatch. One of the chief requirements of a town surrounded by an agricultural country is a first-class harness shop, and this, we emphatically say, is found in that owned and conducted by the above named gentleman. One article in particular that attracted the writer's eye was the fine display of hand-made saddles, the like of which we have seldom seen outside of the larger cities. In fact, all the way through, there are few like concerns even in the metropolitan cities that are more up to date in every particular. The building occupied by Mr. Waller and his enterprise is 30x100 feet in size, two stories high. Everything in and about the place is new and clean, the building being the property of Mr. Waller. It was but recently completed, Mr. Waller moving into the same on the 27th of last September. Mr. Waller first established his enterprise in our city one year ago last February, as successor to Lundy Brothers. He employs one of the most efficient harness makers in the state, and makes a feature of hand-made saddles to order. In addition to his extensive harness business Mr. Waller handles several good makes of buggies, among which are the "John Deer" and other good makes, all of which are recognized as being among the very best made.

He makes a specialty of buggies and

is the central point from which he measures

Every distance through the gateways Of the world around him.

In his farthest wanderings, still he sees it,

Hears the talking flames, the answering night winds,

As he heard them as he sat with those who were but are not."

The love of mankind for that particular spot on earth he calls his birthplace is remarkable.

Go where you will—encounter men in whatever circumstances you may—you will find that a reference to their home will always secure you their attention. The impressions made in a home are as lasting as the hills. A mother's words are never effaced from the memory; a father's counsel, while not always heeded, remains fresh as long as life lasts. It is the love for

hand-made saddles and buys his buggies in carload lots, for cash, being the only merchant in the county handling buggies in carload lots.

There is no business house in Crockett that has done more to draw trade to the town than this. Mr. Waller believes in advertising and building up his business, and the town and county as well.

He was born and raised in the county, and takes an active interest in pushing along all worthy movements started for the material benefit of Crockett and Houston County, and there is no one who should have a more prominent position in the Courier Immigration and Anti-Mail Order Edition than he.

state, not only as to the size of the building occupied, which is one of the largest in the county, but also as to the variety and extent of the stock carried, and the low and satisfactory prices at which all goods are sold. Since this concern was first established, over fifteen years ago, it has given considerable local prestige and standing to our city as a trade center, and as a competitor of the mail-order houses and large city stores. There is not another business firm in the county that has been more successful in meeting and defeating the competition of these foreign houses.

A feature of this firm's popularity and success is the straightforward methods they employ in the handling of their trade. Their stock is conveniently displayed for their patrons to look at and examine, and every article of merchandise in the store is positively guaranteed to be just as represented. No false statements are set forth to mislead the people, and care is taken to employ none but experienced and courteous salespeople in every department to wait upon their large list of customers. As to the variety and extent of stock carried by Daniel & Burton it can be said that it has few equals and no superiors. They carry a full line and assortment of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, together with Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Farm Tools, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, and a hundred and one other useful articles too numerous to mention. Suffice to say, that patrons will

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## THE LANCASTER STOCK FARM AND PLANTATION

W. K. LANCASTER, PROP.

Recognized by the Entire Public to be the Foremost and Most Popular Stock Farm in This Part of the State.

A history of Houston County gives us no one man who has done more to make the county popular as a place second to none in the state where farming and horse raising can be carried on with unusual success, than has the gentleman of whom we now write, Mr. W. K. Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster is recognized as one of the best posted blooded horsemen in the South, and he owns and conducts a



McDONALD CHIEF

fine stock farm, located about six miles from Crockett, familiarly known as "The Lancaster Stock Farm and Plantation." It combines 2331 acres, and forty people are employed to work it.

Mr. Lancaster, who manages this farm in person, is a native of Kentucky, though he has been a resident of Texas for a number of years. He graduated from the M. A. College of his home state at the age of 17. After this he lived an active, roving life. He learned telegraphy, and for years was an Associated Press operator, reporting disasters, prize fights and elections in different parts of the country. For a time he worked the New York cotton wire, considered by all operators to be the fastest wire in the United States. Of late years Mr. Lancaster has taken a special pride and given the greater part of his personal attention and efforts to the breeding of fine saddle and high school

## THE NEW PICKWICK HOTEL

W. V. BERRY, PROP.

That Popular and Up-to-Date Hostelry That Has More Than Won the Good Will and Patronage of the Public.

There is nothing that a town like Crockett should feel more proud of than a first-class hotel, where the traveling public and, especially, the traveling salesman, or commercial man, as he is more commonly called, receive homelike and up-to-date accommodations. And we are proud to say that we have just such a hotel right here in our little city in that owned and conducted by Mr. W. V. Berry. "The Pickwick Hotel," as this popular hostelry is familiarly known, is recognized as one of the most thoroughly up-to-date and metropolitan hotels in this section of the state. During the many years in which it has been established in our midst it has won much favor with the traveling public. Every modern convenience has been and is now being arranged essential to the comfort of all guests. No expense or pains has been omitted by Landlord Berry in engaging of experienced and competent help in all departments, the cuisine being recognized as equal to the best hotels in the larger cities. The rooms are all large and well ventilated and nothing left undone to make all guests feel at home while stopping here.

Such up-to-date, metropolitan hostelry are a boon to any town, and the citizens of Crockett should give this hotel and its worthy proprietor their every consideration and patronage. Mr. Berry is one of our most popular and highly esteemed pioneer citizens, whose life in our midst has been interwoven with the best interests of the town. He is one of those enterprising citizens who believes in promoting the material interests of his home town whenever the opportunity affords, and there is no business man or citizen in our city more worthy of special mention in an edition of this character, in which is set forth the popularity and prestige of Crockett as a residence and trade center.

Mr. Berry has owned and conducted this hotel for the past twenty years. The entire interior has recently been re-modeled, re-furnished and re-painted throughout. Hot and cold water is now to be found on every floor, and there is a fine, handsome bath room;

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tables of this latitude are grown successfully and potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and cantaloupes are shipped extensively, hundreds of cars being sent out to the different markets of the North and East. An experiment that has recently been made and that has proven extremely successful, has been the growing of sugar beets. It has been found that the sugar beet will grow better and produce a better per cent of sugar in Houston county than in the most desirable sugar beet sections of the Northern States. This industry, when developed, will have the effect of making farm and truck land worth over \$100 per acre and will be the means of making fortunes for the growers. All towns in Houston county have splendid railroad and shipping facilities. Two railroads traverse the county, having an aggregate mileage of 4,856. They are the International & Great Northern and the Texas & Southwestern.

**MANUFACTURING AND MINING.**  
The manufacturing industries of Houston county are numerous and varied and embrace a number of cotton gins, a large cotton seed oil mill, located at Crockett, and a number of saw mills and planing mills scattered throughout the county. There are several broom factories, brick and tile factories, ice factories, carriage factories, machine shops, plow factories, etc.

The county is quite noted for its mineral deposits. Brown coal lignite underlies the entire county and extensive mining operations are carried on south of Crockett by the Houston County Coal & Manufacturing Company, which concern operates a number of mines. Deposits of salt and sulphur are found in various portions, in depths ranging from 70 to 100 feet. Quantities of fine building stone are

hotel has its own water works system as well as sewerage, and, taken as a whole, it is not saying too much to give this hotel the credit of being, by far, the best hotel in any like sized town in Texas, or the South. That our citizens are proud to have such a metropolitan concern in our city goes, without saying, and Mr. Berry is to be congratulated for his enterprise and success. He always does things on a grand, extensive scale, and the improvements he has made in the Pickwick is only another evidence of this well known fact.



Cotton on the 10th of May, 1909, on land owned and controlled by H. J. Arledge Real Estate Co., Crockett, Texas.

## H. J. ARLEDGE

That Popular Real Estate Man who has done much toward bringing desirable settlers into this vicinity.

The whole spirit of the Courier's trade edition is to point out the advantages of Crockett and Houston County as a place second to none in the United States as a place where homes can be made in a few years, and, at the same time, where the very best of educational advantages can be had and where the settler can locate midst refinement and intelligence. This edition will, no doubt, fall into

no other line of business which offers the opportunity for gain by misrepresentation and falsehood as readily as does that of the real estate business. And when a man has, through years of conscientious, energetic business dealing with the public, proved himself to be a man of honesty and ambition, such as has been the case with Mr. Arledge, he is deserving the commendation and patronage of the entire public. Mr. Arledge has made the buying and selling of real estate a thorough study and there is not a better posted land agent in the South today than he is acknowledged to be. In the last five weeks he has sold to J. M. West of Houston, 53 tracts of land; also sold to the Louisiana & Texas Lumber Co. a very choice piece of

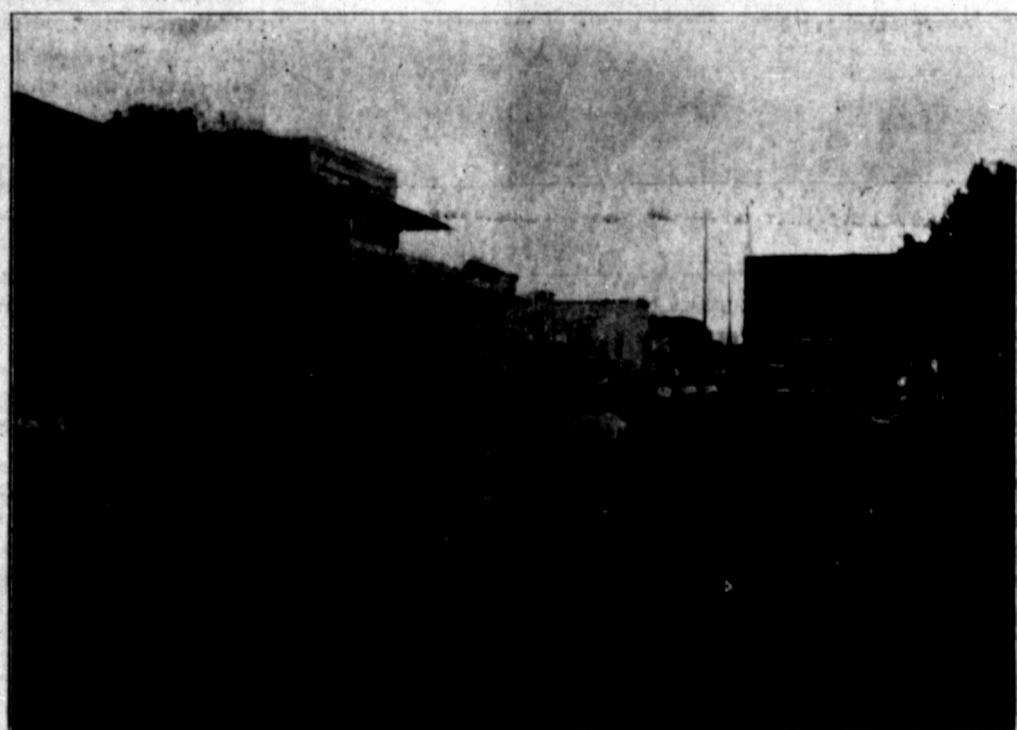


Corn on the 10th of May 1909, on land owned and controlled by H. J. Arledge Real Estate Co., Crockett, Texas.

the hands of thousands all over the country, and, wherever their homes may be now, we hope to number at least some of them in the not far distant future, among the residents of this town and county. To the newcomer the first question to be settled is: "Where can I find a reliable real estate agent to assist me in purchasing a farm or a home?" In answering this question, we feel safe in saying, that there is not a citizen of Crockett who would hesitate to refer them to Mr. H. J. Arledge, that conscientious

timber, for which he received \$90,000; and he has some choice timbered and farming land left yet. The half-tone illustrations show what the land produces and the earliness of the crops. He does an extensive business in making profitable investments for all who wish to place their money in his care for this purpose. Suffice to say that our readers will not find a better man with which to place their real estate or loan interests than with this gentleman.

A citizen of enterprise none have displayed more personal interest in the upbuilding of their home town



Public Square, Crockett, Texas, Pickwick Hotel to the Right

horses. He has two fine studs, a saddle and coach horse, and also a jack. The horse at the head of the stud is McDonald Chief, No. 2157, sired by the famous Rex McDonald, recognized as the greatest saddle and high school horse in the world, and one that has taken all the prizes wherever shown. McDonald Chief is a handsome individual of his class. He is considered by all lovers of horses, who know him, to be the best and most stylish saddle horse in the South. His colts have all shown good form and same characteristics of style and gait of their worthy sire.

McDonald Chief was shown at Dallas and San Antonio seven times, winning first prize five times and second twice.

The other stud is Retz, No. 5063, an imported French Percheron. He is a fine animal and his get are very popular with horsemen. Gabriel, the jack, is a fine registered animal, and his mules are all of good size. Mr. Lancaster is a true lover of horses. He

with open plumbing and all modern conveniences. A feature of this popular hotel, which should receive the hearty commendation of the traveling public is the fine beds to be found in every room. They are all new and dressed with a fine spring, on top of which is a fine mattress, and on top of this mattress is still another, known as the "Sealy" mattress, making a bed with a fine spring and two good mattresses, which is certainly as perfect as one can find anywhere. Over \$3600.00 has been expended in improvements and new furnishings. There are now thirty rooms in all. The dining room is furnished with new, handsome, polished oak tables. The

run away from home in his early youth and rode horses on the Grand Circuit. He knows a good horse when he sees it, and has only the best on his farm.

The Lancaster Stock Farm and Plantation is one of the best equip-

ped in the South. There is a handsome modern residence, furnished with every convenience, while the barns and outbuildings are substantial and well built. There is installed on the farm a complete saw mill, with about a million feet of yellow pine timber to cut, and about the same amount of hardwood timber, consisting of post oak, red oak, hickory and sweet gum. This saw mill is equipped to cut both hardwood and pine. This elegant farm and plantation with all its improvements, including every head of stock on the place is for sale at a most reasonable price and on the most favorable terms. All the buildings and fencing are being painted and whitewashed, while the home is being repapered throughout. This is without a doubt the biggest bargain in the state of Texas today, and the Courier can truthfully say that the man who will be lucky enough to get it will be in possession of one of the most beautiful and well equipped stock farms in the South.



Matured Tobacco on Farm of J. G. Matlock, Crockett

real estate man who believes in treating the people right. During the ten years in which this gentleman has engaged in the buying and selling of real estate in this vicinity, we have yet to hear of one single instance in which he has not given his patrons a fair, square deal. There is, perhaps,

than has Mr. Arledge. He never hesitates to give his assistance to any and all local movements that have been instigated for the betterment of Crockett, and we are pleased to give him prominence among the other popular men and enterprising citizens of Crockett.

## NAT E. ALLBRIGHT

Houston County's Prominent and Efficient Clerk and One of Our Enterprising Citizens.

In writing up a brief history of Crockett and Houston county, it would prove lacking, in at least one important particular, were mention not made of the public officials who have so well and happily guided the official business of the county. As it is well known to any one who is at all familiar with the laws and official affairs of Texas, the office of the county clerk is one of the most important and responsible within the gift of the people of the county. Within his office centers the whole of the county record, while his duties are multitudinous and require, not only a man of wide intelligence, but one capable of filling well the positions of expert clerk, book-keeper, notary public and, on not a few occasions, a lawyer. All of these good qualifications are not often found in any one man. The good citizens of Crockett, however, seem to have found them in the person of Mr. Nat E. Allbright, the efficient clerk of Houston county, who is now filling his eighth term in that responsible position. Mr. Allbright is a candidate for re-election to this important office the coming fall election, subject of course, to the Democratic primary, and there is no doubt but that he will be re-elected by a big majority if he runs,

## C. C. STOKES

A Practitioner of the Law Who Has Won For Himself Considerable Popularity and Success

As the complexities of civilization increase, the laws governing its various relations become more intricate and far-reaching in their effects, constantly requiring more profound study by those whose professions require them to act as counsellors to the people. Among the most thoroughly reliable, highly esteemed attorneys of the bar of Southern Texas must be included the subject of this article, Hon. C. C. Stokes, a gentleman of scholarly attainments, wide experience and attractive personality. Few attorneys have been more successful and none are held in higher esteem, by both their clients, their brother practitioners and the public at large, than is Mr. Stokes. An active Democrat, always prominent in local and state politics, Attorney Stokes, from his early life, earned the respect and admiration of his political colleagues, as well as those associated with him in professional life, and he has done much to improve both the city, county and state laws. Mr. Stokes is now serving his second term as State Senator from this district, and he is giving the best of satisfaction to his constituents. He has filled the office with credit and performed the duties pertaining to this important position with energy and efficiency, his able work winning for him much popularity and distinction. He enjoys

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rivers and creeks; next comes the black waxy and sandy types, of which there are large areas. Houston county won the gold medal at Fort Worth Spring Palace, in 1886, for the best timber exhibit. It has since won a number of first prizes at several of the state fairs held at Dallas. There is considerable timber yet uncut in the county, pine in all its varieties predominating, while in the creek and river valleys are to be found large quantities of hard wood. One of the largest saw mills in the world is located about twenty miles east of Crockett, and the managers of this mill claim to own timber enough to run the mill for twenty years. There is also a well equipped mill at Lovelady and one near Grapeland. There are considerable railroad ties shipped from here. The county is well watered, a water shed running north and south almost through the middle of the county. The streams to the east emptying into the Neches river and those to the west into the Trinity river. Throughout the county there is a gallons; Irish potatoes, 100 bushels; sweet potatoes, 250 to 500 bushels; hay, 5 to 10 tons; fruits of excellent quality are grown in large quantities in the county and the Alberta peach is shipped in carload lots to the leading markets of the world. The other fruits that yield bountifully are pears, apples, plums, cherries, figs, grapes and all kinds of berries. Truck farming is an important industry affording exclusive business for many farmers and has been the means of increasing land values throughout the county. All vege-

## MADDEN & ELLIS

One of Our Efficient and Prominent Law Firms, Who Have Won Much Distinction.

The progress, rise, and standing of our county, town or state may well be gauged by the character of its bar; as from the ranks, more frequently than from any other profession, are selected the men who fill the highest public stations in the service of their country. Its members spring from no privileged class, but from the people whose aims, sentiments and aspirations they share. It is a mistake to suppose that the life of a lawyer is one of ease, for while it is true the profession exacts no physical labor, still, the law is a jealous master and brooks no rivals, and he who would win distinction must spend his days and nights in unceasing toil. Among the members of the Houston county bar who are worthy of prominent mention in our history of the county are Messrs. J. W. Madden and C. M. Ellis, both of whom are natives of the county.

This law firm's able efforts have won for them an exceptionally extensive and pleasing practice. They have achieved more than ordinary success by hard work and diligent study and by carefully protecting their clients' interests. Politically, they have always worked industriously for the local success and popularity of the Democratic party, ever ready to work in the ranks for the advancement of the party's in-

## ALDRICH & CROOK

Practitioners of the Law Who Have Won Much Distinction and Success.

The State of Texas is noted for the ability and standing of its lawyers and no bar in the state is composed of higher legal talent than that of Houston County.

Its members have won a reputation and standing that is recognized throughout the state. Many of our local attorneys have been connected with the most prominent cases tried in Texas and whenever they have appeared in a case they have always made a profound impression on account of their ability, energy and sincerity. Among the attorneys of the Houston County bar who are worthy a place in this class, are the two gentlemen who form the law firm above mentioned, Messrs. A. A. Aldrich and Geo. W. Crook. Their ability and reputation as lawyers is well known, and careful, able, accurate workers as practitioners of the law has brought them a reputation that is more than local.

This firm also does an extensive abstract of title business, and have a complete, up-to-date abstract of land titles of the county, their abstract being the oldest one in the county. They have made a careful and thorough study of this class of work, and patrons find in them a firm that will furnish them with abstracts of title to any piece of city property or farm land in Houston county on very short notice and be convinced of the fact that said abstract will be strictly up-to-date in every way. Among the professional people of this section none have won more distinction and popularity than have these two gentlemen, while as citizens who believe in pushing their home town to the front, none have been more prominent. There have been few, if any, beneficial local movements that they have not helped to promote and push to the front, always giving them their liberal consideration and financial assistance, as they believe in advancing the material interests of their home whenever they can do so.

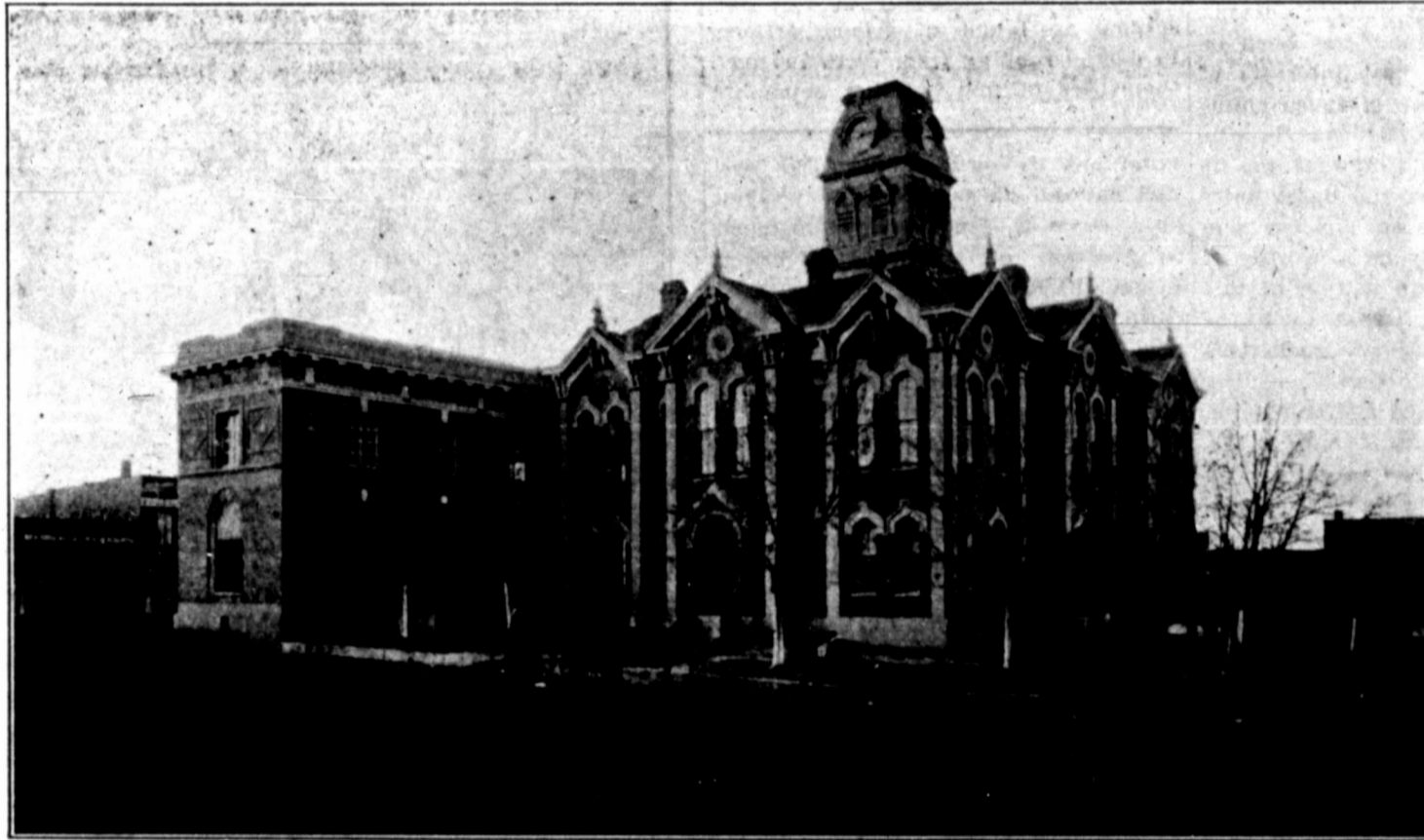
Mr. A. A. Aldrich, the senior member of the firm, was admitted to the bar of Houston county in the early eighties. He served two terms as county judge, while Mr. Geo. W. Crook began practice in 1893. They joined hands in the year 1901, and have won the distinction of being one of the most efficient, enterprising and popular law firms in the county. They practice in all courts and enjoy a lucrative law business.

## D. A. NUNN, SR.

One of Crockett's Enterprising and Progressive Pioneer Citizens Who is Highly Esteemed By All Who Know Him.

A history of Crockett brings to public view an exceptionally large number of enterprising and progressive pioneers who have watched their home town grow from a once country village, so to speak, to the thriving little residence and trade center she is today. Men who have been conspicuous for their energetic and up-to-date methods of transacting all business with which they are connected and whose honest, courteous dispositions have won for them the confidence and good will of the entire public.

Such a man is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article, Mr. D. A. Nunn, Sr. Mr. Nunn has been over fifty-three years in the county, and he is recognized as one of Crockett's firmest champions of home industry. He is one of those conservative citizens who has helped to make the town up-to-date and popular as a trade center by buying his goods of all kinds of our home merchants. He is quite well situated, financially, and has a fine family. His home is one of the nicest in the town and stands out conspicuous as one of Crockett's most modernly constructed residences. Mr. Nunn is the largest stockholder in the Houston County Coal & Manufacturing Company, one of the best liked concerns in this section of the state. None of our citizens and business men have stood more closely by their home town and its people than has Mr. D. A. Nunn, Sr., and he is highly esteemed by all. May his future life in our midst prove as pleasant and prosperous as has his past in the wish of the Courier.



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as his past eight terms of efficient, honest and conscientious work has proved him to be as good a man as could be chosen for the place.

Mr. Allbright is one of our old and highly esteemed citizens who has justly won the friendship of every well-meaning person who has watched his career in our midst. He is one of those wide awake citizens who realizes the importance of everyone taking hold and making those local movements that have been started for the benefit of the town a success. It is the combined enterprise and efforts of such men as this that has made our little city the important residence and trade center she is today, and the Courier has nothing but the best wishes for Mr. Allbright's future success and popularity in our midst.

Mr. Allbright may be justly recognized as one of Crockett's pioneer citizens who has helped to build his home up from a once country village to the thriving little city she is today. He is a native of Houston county, having been born and raised here, and his life in our midst has always been interwoven with the best interests of Crockett and vicinity.

He takes an active interest in educational and church matters, is a member of the Masonic order and the Baptist church. There is no one who stands higher in the community or is more popular with all classes.

## R. M. HAMLIN

DOCTOR OF OPTICS

Author of the Hamlin method of unlocking ciliary spasm without the use of dangerous mydriatics  
Home Office Crockett, Texas

a practice as enviable as it is large, while as a professional man and a citizen he enjoys the hearty respect and admiration of our people. Mr. Stokes is splendidly equipped mentally for his profession, and has made a success. He has been practicing in Crockett and Houston county for the past eight years, appearing in all courts. He enjoys a lucrative practice and is one of Crockett's most popular citizens.

## J. F. MANGUM

Our Popular County Superintendent of Schools, Who Has More Than Won the Confidence of the Public.

Among the names that find a place in the list of enterprising citizens who have helped to make Houston county up-to-date and progressive, none stand higher than does our popular and efficient County Superintendent, Mr. J. F. Mangum. Superintendent Mangum has had many years practical experience as a teacher, and has acquired an exceptionally good education. He is a graduate of the Lovelady High School, is a student of the Texas State University, a graduate of the Valparaiso University and has been a teacher for over eleven years, during which time he has won for himself a good record. He took charge of his present position about two years ago, being chosen as the first County Superintendent of Houston county.

Those who have watched his work during this time say that there has

been more substantial work done toward material improvements during the past two years than Superintendent Mangum has held the office than has been done during the past fifteen or twenty years. This has been done in the face of great obstacles, and it goes without saying that Superintendent Mangum is deserving of the commendation of the entire community.

There are 123 schools in the county, with a scholastic enrollment of approximately 8000. There are 31 districts levying a local tax at the present time, while three years ago there were but nine. The county's permanent school fund is \$63,000.00 and the state apportionment per capita is \$6.50.

The sentiment in Houston County for better schools is rapidly growing, the result to a great extent of Superintendent Mangum's efficient work and the enterprise he has displayed in pushing all school matters to the front. There are now under construction 14 new and modern school houses, which will make a total of 137 schools in the county when they are finished.

Few counties the size of Houston can boast of as extensive and up-to-date a school system, and Superintendent Mangum is to be congratulated for the able work he has done in making the educational facilities of this county better in every way.

We have never had a better or more enterprising County Superintendent than Mr. J. F. Mangum has proved himself to be. It is with much pride that the Courier gives him prominent mention in our history of the county, and predict that he will be re-elected at the coming fall election, as he has promised his many friends that he would accept the nomination.

terests whenever the opportunity affords.

Mr. Madden was private secretary for one year, and Secretary of State for two years, including the years 1896, 1897 and 1898, under Governor Culbertson's administration. Their ability and reputation as lawyers of experience is well known, and their careful, accurate work as attorneys of the law has brought them a reputation that is more than local. Messrs. Madden & Ellis practice in all courts, and they have won no little distinction by the conscientious manner in which they give their best attention and efforts toward the success of all cases entrusted to their care, no matter how much or how little they may involve. Because a client is poor in money is no reason why he should not receive his attorney's best services, so these enterprising gentlemen consider, and, as a consequence, there are many of the poorer class of citizens of Houston county who owe Messrs. Madden & Ellis their most heartfelt thanks for the services rendered them.

Mr. Madden was admitted to the bar in 1891, while Mr. Ellis began practice in the year 1903. As a firm these two enterprising practitioners of the law joined hands about one year ago, since which time they have met with splendid success. Their services and advice is much sought after by those who have watched their career in our midst and they are due the credit and distinction of having won the big majority of the cases they have tried. The Courier is pleased to give them prominence among the professional interests of Crockett and join with their many friends and clients in wishing them continued success.

## J. D. SIMS

Dealer in Furniture, Mattings, Carpets and Everything to Beautify the Home. Undertaking and Embalming.

The tendency of public taste in furnishing houses has been gradually drifting to something more elaborate and artistic during the past few years and the furniture dealers who have grasped this fact have been the most successful. Mr. J. D. Sims has had the business perception and enterprise sufficient to lead him to back his judgment with the right kind of a stock of goods and to keep up with the demand of his large and ever increasing trade. He handles a fine stock of artistic furniture, also the common grades, all of which are sold at prices that the mail order and catalog houses cannot duplicate. This business was established in 1903, and so enterprising and progressive has been Mr. Sims' business methods that he has built up one of the largest and most successful furniture houses in the country. Nothing is too good for his patrons and he is always more than willing to please any one who may call and wish to purchase something that he happens to be out of by sending for it at once, no matter how far it has to come or how much the freight will be. Mr. Sims' one pleasure in the conducting of his enterprise is to please his patrons as well as to make money. He is classed with those Crockett business men and enterprising citizens who take pride in the up-building of their home town. There is never any request made of him in regard to the advancing interests of the town that he does not aid and encourage, and if he thinks the movement worthy he always gives liberal assistance. It is through this enterprising, courteous disposition that he has won a large portion of his friends and patrons, all of whom have nothing but the highest regard for him and his

## MRS. L. L. CANNON

One of Our Most Recently Established Milliners Who Promises to Prove Up-to-Date and Successful.

There is no line of the mercantile trade that attracts the attention of the ladies more than does that of millinery, and many devote hours daily, examining at their leisure, the various shades, textures, patterns, etc., to be found at the establishments of their local milliners. The object of this article is to bring to the notice of our many lady readers, both in the city and country, the above named establishment of Mrs. L. L. Cannon, where can be found one of the most complete stocks of up-to-date milliner to be found in the county, and all sold at prices that defy all competition, especially mail order houses and large city stores.

Miss Hall, Mrs. Cannon's trimmer, left on the 12th of February for market to look up the styles in hats, trimmings and the latest fashions.

This store is centrally located and you will find here everything pertaining to a first-class millinery establishment, such as hats, bonnets, ribbons, silks, feathers, etc., all of the very latest styles and patterns. Mrs. Cannon is fast displaying a system of originality and metropolitan business methods which cannot help but prove successful. She has spared neither time, trouble nor expense in stocking her store with the most desirable goods in all departments, and is quoting prices that cannot help but please the most particular patron.

Mrs. Cannon has recently purchased the millinery business of Mrs. Allbright and there is no question but that the same popularity and extensive patronage will be accorded this new owner that was experienced by the old one. There is no business concern in Crockett more deserving of special mention in our souvenir edition, and we predict for Mrs. Cannon and her new establishment much popularity and success.

Mrs. Cannon's son, Byron, who has a bicycle repair shop in the same building adjoining the millinery store, is agent for the Mead Cycle Company and does all kind of repairing.

## DAN McLEAN

That Enterprising and Progressive Merchant Who Never Refuses to Give the People the Worth of Their Money.

There are few commercial enterprises affording capacity for a wider range of operations than houses dealing in dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, caps, shirts, ladies' and gents' furnishings, groceries, etc. The qualifications for success in a business of this character are far greater than are needed in an ordinary single line of trade. The house of which we now write had its first inception in 1896, and there has been no period since then that it has not held its own at all times and under all conditions that have locally existed. Dan McLean is recognized, by both the buying public as well as his business competitors, to be one of the best posted and experienced general merchants in Houston County. He is one of those wide-awake, ambitious business men who take a personal pride in his enterprise and he leaves no stone unturned to make his store one which the citizens of Crockett will be proud to patronize and recommend to their friends and all newcomers. The liberal methods and ample capital employed by Mr. McLean have been the means of bringing him splendid success, so that his store has long been recognized as a leader in its line. Taken as a whole, there is no one merchant in our city who has more reason to feel proud of his popularity and mercantile success in our midst. The conspicuous manner of stocking his large store with the most desirable makes and grades of goods, selected to please and satisfy the desires of the local trade, has been the means of winning for him one of the most extensive and highly satisfied list of patrons of any similar business concern in our city. The entire stock is artistically and conveniently arranged and no pains are spared to show visitors every courtesy. His large, modern, constructed store, 25x100 feet in size, two stories high, the upper floor being occupied in the display of his extensive stock of clothing, trunks, etc. There are four experienced salespeople employed to wait upon their large trade enjoyed.

As a citizen, a review of Crockett gives us no one who has displayed more interest in the growing advancement of his home town than has Mr. Dan McLean. He has great faith in the future advancement of Crockett as a trade center and never refuses to do all that he can to make the town up-to-date and popular with the people. He is numbered among the leading men of affairs who have made the town what it is today, and the Courier is pleased to note his success and popularity.

business enterprise, which is acknowledged by all to be one of the most popular mercantile establishments.

Mr. Sims owns and controls practically two separate enterprises, a furniture store and undertaking establishment. The furniture store is large and commodious, being 52x90 feet in size, with an upper or double deck extending nearly around the entire store room. This furniture emporium is recognized as the largest concern of its kind in Houston County, and the assortment of goods carried is exceptionally extensive and complete, while the prices prevailing throughout the establishment are low, reasonable and fair.

The undertaking department is in a separate building across the street and is equipped with a complete assortment of caskets, coffins, burial robes and undertaking supplies. Mr. Sims is prepared to take full charge of funerals and direct them in the most approved and satisfactory manner. He has two fine hearses or funeral cars, and is in a position to furnish every detail of the interment for a reasonable charge.

Mr. Sims first entered the mercantile field of Crockett in the year 1874. He has been conducting his present business for the past seven years and the history of Crockett furnishes no better example of what is accomplished by honest, straightforward business methods and courteous treatment than is seen by his career.

The Courier feels that due mention should be given Mr. Sims and his business interests as they are typical of what is being accomplished by our successful merchants.

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home of the sturdy Swiss, in their cabins, clinging to the sides of the snow-clad Alps, that has made and kept Switzerland a republic. We, in the United States, claim America as the fairest land, but each has a warm spot in his heart for the special locality where came the first knowledge of home. The heart of the writer oftentimes turns to the historic crowned hills along the upper Mississippi, and as memory recalls the beauty and romantic grandeur of the river around Dubuque, with its verdant bluffs, methinks all people are wrong and that to the valleys of the Mississippi at this point belongs the title of the fairest spot on earth.

Be that as it may, and wonder as we will at the love of some for their native land, it is not strange that the people of Crockett, "our home town," so love and admire it and its picturesque environments. The natural scenery surrounding the town for miles in every direction almost has won the admiration of tourists, while artists have become enraptured with it and found many points of interest were they to be transferred to canvas.

It is justly noted as a city of beautiful homes, and as an unequalled place of residence as well as being a busy mart of trade. It is, also, famed as a city where the occupants, more generally than in any other city of equal size in this section of the state, are owners in fee of the homes they occupy. Here are found the luxurious homes of the rich, the cozy places of the well-to-do and the cottages of the humbler, but no less honorable walks of life. Around and about all of them is the air of cheerfulness and peace and happiness reigns within. The fact that nearly all of the working men—including all our citizens, for rich and poor alike must work—own their

## THE CROCKETT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

A Telephone System That Gives Splendid Service. Complete Connections With all Parts of the World.

It is essential in a city of the size of Crockett that it have a reliable telephone exchange. The Crockett Telephone Company of which we now write, is furnishing to our citizens a service that is prompt and satisfactory in every particular. Patrons of this company are unanimous in pronouncing the equipment, service and management the equal of any, it not even being surpassed by telephone systems in the larger cities. This exchange was started through the efforts and energy of its present manager and owner, Mr. John S. Cook. This gentleman is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the telephone business and his management of the local exchange, he has used his every effort to give the people of this city and vicinity a first-class telephone service, and placing his company among the foremost up-to-date telephone systems of southern Texas. The equipment is modern and of the very best, and nothing has been left undone to give our city first-class, metropolitan service. There are over 260 phones in the city, with both day and night operators, so that call may be made at any time. The exchange has long distance connections with the Southwestern Telephone Company to all parts of the world. Mr. Cook has been connected with the Crockett Telephone Exchange ever since it was established, eleven years ago, and there has been no period during all this time that he has not received the hearty commendation of the entire public for the efficient service given by his company to its patrons. The office is always kept nice and clean, and has a metropolitan appearance of which its promoters may justly feel proud.

The exchange has connections with all of the surrounding small towns, and there are six farmer lines running into this office. While Mr. Cook is a native of Tennessee, he has lived in Crockett for the past eleven years and recognizes this town as his home. He has been quite conspicuous in giving his attention and financial assistance to the success of those movements that have been started for the betterment of Crockett and vicinity, and we are pleased to give him and his up-to-date telephone exchange special mention in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry.

## McLEAN'S DRUG STORE

The Right Place to Go When You Want the Best There is in Drugs and Medicines at the Most Reasonable Prices.

The use of drugs are necessary for the welfare and good being of the human family and prescriptions, when put up, should be compounded by capable and experienced pharmacists.

Therefore, a druggist, would be succeeded in gaining the confidence and patronage of the people, must be not only thoroughly experienced in the art of securing the purest goods, but honest in his determination to use them. That Crockett has such a druggist in the person of Mr. Will McLean, all who have had business connections with him must admit. This gentleman established his present place of business in our city about two years ago, and the fact that his popularity and patronage has been increasing month by month and year by year, despite both old and new competition, speaks well for his energetic, up-to-date method of doing business. A large and complete stock of everything in the way of Drugs, Medicines, Drug Sundries, Stationery, Toilet Articles, etc., is carried, all goods having been selected to please his patrons. A feature of this gentleman's success has been the disposition displayed to furnish the local trade with the best goods at the most reasonable prices. And, when we combine this fact with that of his being an exceptionally efficient pharmacist, competent to compound the most difficult and important prescriptions with accuracy and precision, using none but the purest of drugs and other ingredients in so doing, it is not to be wondered at that he has won success and popularity during the short time he has been located in our midst. As a citizen of enterprise and ambition who believes in the up-building of his home town, Mr. McLean has won much favor and comment among those who have watched his career in our city. He has always been found ready and willing to do his full share in pushing all local movements to the front, and it is with pride that the Courier gives him prominent mention in our Industrial Immigration Anti-Mail Order Edition in defense of home industry, and place his enterprise in the front ranks of Crockett's most popular and worthy business institutions.

## W. H. KENT

That Popular and Progressive Grocer Who Sells All Kinds of Good Things to Eat and at the Lowest Prices.

The grocery trade is one in which every man, woman and child is directly interested, for it caters to all alike—the rich, the poor, the young, the old, without reference to religious belief or political bias. The grocer is the missionary of home comfort, the apostle of good cheer, and, above all men, should be honest, just and liberal, for upon him most all the civilized world depends for the necessities of life and the many "good things to eat." In the gentleman whose name heads this article, our little city has a grocer whose conscientious business methods, combined with a firm determination to furnish the local trade with the very best grocery store goods at the most reasonable prices, has endeared him and his concern to the hearts of the people of this vicinity. When a merchant can enter the mercantile field of any town and conduct one enterprise for a number of years, despite both old and new competition, such as Mr. W. H. Kent has done, there is no question but that he has been pleasing the people. In these days of close competition, and the many devices sent out by the mail order houses to divert the local trade their way, it is the merchant who is able to secure his goods in large quantities, direct from the manufacturers and jobbers that is going to win success, and it is due to Mr. Kent to say that during his fourteen years in which he has been conducting his enterprise in our city there has been no time that he has not been able to meet the competition of these foreign concerns in every way. As a rule, his goods are better and more wholesome and the prices charged

## THE CROCKETT STATE BANK

One of Houston County's Successful Financial Institutions.

The Crockett State Bank, which is now being operated under the State Bank Guaranty Law, is an important and growing institution. It was organized three years ago and the statement below indicates its rapid growth, it being nearly 100 per cent increase in the past twelve months.

Official statement of the bank as reported to the Superintendent of Banking at the close of business on January 31, 1910, compared with the statements on the same date of 1909 and 1908:

	1910	1909	1908
Cash and with banks	\$ 78,774.69	\$ 29,029.64	\$ 13,366.31
Loans and discounts	\$ 116,993.30	\$ 79,545.85	\$ 77,403.40
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 3,216.34	\$ 3,216.34	\$ 3,216.34
Real estate (banking house)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Capital stock	\$ 207,884.33	\$ 221,291.83	\$ 103,484.05
Surplus	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits, net	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Deposits	\$ 148,987.07	\$ 376.87	\$ 3,643.95
Bills payable	\$ 207,884.33	\$ 221,291.83	\$ 12,000.00
	\$ 1,034,484.05	\$ 1,034,484.05	\$ 1,034,484.05

The stock in this institution is owned by forty stockholders, all of whom are residents of Houston county except two, and only a small per cent of the stock is held by these parties.

As the stock of this bank is practically all owned by local people, who are patrons of our local business firms, it goes without saying that the State Bank is entitled to a liberal patronage from the business men of this locality, and as to the farming interests of this section this bank claims that on account of the fact that it is authorized under the State banking laws to make loans on real estate as well as other satisfactory security, it is in a good position to serve the farmers of Houston county to advantage.

This institution owns a modern banking building, which occupies one of the best locations in Crockett. It has a large fireproof vault and a number of safety deposit boxes for the use of its customers on very liberal terms.

With the present resources of this bank and the protection offered to the depositor under the State Guaranty Law, we predict that its depositors will increase more rapidly in the future than they have in the past.

The president of this bank, Mr. W. H. Denny, and its cashier, Mr. D. O. Kiessling are conservative business men, and its directors are also conservative, active and successful men, and all reside in Houston county, and we do not hesitate to say that any business intrusted to this bank will have the proper attention. This bank has always been a factor in advancing the material interests of Crockett. It has grown in popularity and success year by year, the result of bringing to the business sound banking principles together with a liberal though conservative policy, and the Courier takes this opportunity to add its indorsement to the many already received by the bank's management.

much more reasonable. Among the up-to-date, metropolitan mercantile establishments of Crockett there are none that stand out more conspicuous than does that owned and conducted by Mr. W. H. Kent. Everything in and about the place is neat, clean and inviting, and it is safe to state that there is not an article of groceries in his entire stock that does not conform in every way with the pure food law. A history of our town's past and present progress brings to public view no one who is deserving of more prominent mention than is Mr. Kent. Both as a business man and a citizen he is popular and highly esteemed and there is no question but that he will remain prominent as long as he remains among us.

**J. W. HAIL****That Enterprising and Progressive Land Man Who Believes in Giving His Patrons the Worth of their Money.**

It is an exploded idea that any one can become a successful real estate agent. The progress made in this, as in all other legitimate businesses, demands that it must be only followed by men who are reliable and who understand every detail of the work. The real estate agent who locates in a town simply because it is experiencing an era of prosperity can no longer compete with the man who has spent a number of years in the community. Investors insist upon knowing with whom they are dealing, and sellers must feel sure that they have placed their property in responsible hands. In this connection we take pleasure in calling our readers' attention to the gentleman whose name heads this article, Mr. J. W. Hail, who has sold thousands of acres of land in this and surrounding counties as well as in other states, always satisfying both buyers and sellers. Mr. Hail is familiar with every phrase of the real estate business and he is prepared to furnish information on land values in the different states in which he operates. If you are thinking of buying a farm or a piece of city property for a home or investment, we can truthfully say that you will find no real-estate man in this section of the state who will treat you in a more honorable and fair manner, or who will protect your interests in a more thorough way than will Mr. J. W. Hail.

The list of city property and farm land secured by this gentleman is exceptionally complete and he is in a position to satisfy the most particular.

**B. L. SATTERWHITE****Extensive Dealers in Feed Stuffs, Grain, Hay, Oats, Bran, Corn, Chops, Etc. Also Seed Oats and Seed Corn. Pays the Highest Market Price for Hides and Furs of all Kinds.**

We now have under consideration a Crockett merchant, who handles as extensive and widely assorted a stock of goods as any one business man in the county. Mr. B. L. Satterwhite, the gentleman above referred to, has been in business in our city for the past ten years, and he has accumulated a trade among the citizens of Crockett and the surrounding country equal to that of any like concern in this section of the state. In fact, we doubt if there is another dealer in feedstuff, grain, etc., in the county that can even compare with Mr. Satterwhite when it comes to extensiveness of stock, grade of goods carried and the reasonableness of the prices charged. Facts and conditions that speak for themselves as to the extensive trade enjoyed, for it has come to a period with the buying public when a buyer will take time and trouble to examine the goods he wants to buy, and patronize the merchant who is in a position to give him the best bargains for his money. Friendship ceases, as the saying goes, when it comes to one buying the necessities of life.

In addition to his extensive wholesale and retail business Mr. Satterwhite is in the market for anything in the way of furs and hides, for which he will pay the highest market prices. He also buys cotton seed and handles brick of all kinds, including such popular brands as "Farras" pressed brick, and the best Portland Beach and Eagle cement, Peerless Rock lime, etc., and handles the well-known Swift's Blood and Bone Fertilizer, Fidelity cotton special.

During the past ten years that Mr. Satterwhite has been doing business in Crockett, he has built up a reputation for good goods and honest prices which has been the means of his receiving an exceptionally extensive list of pleased patrons. He is, also, one of Crockett's most prominent men of affairs, who believes in doing everything possible to improve his home town and make it more popular, and the Courier takes no little pride in giving him and his establishment special mention in our Industrial-Immigration and Mail Order edition.

**R. G. LUNDY****The Man Who is an Outfitter for the Horse of More Than Ordinary Experience and Efficiency.**

A good harness shop will draw more trade to a town than any one other industry, provided it is conducted in an up-to-date and satisfactory manner, and to the man whose name heads this article is due a debt from the people of Crockett and vicinity that it would be difficult to repay. This gentleman conducts such a harness shop as one would look for in the larger cities, everything being strictly up-to-date, and the assortment of fine harness, saddles, bridles, whips, fly nets, robes, blankets, and general horse furnishings, is as complete and extensive as any like concern in southern Texas. Mr. Lundy has had several years practical experience in the harness business, and he understands just what the people want in this line. A feature of his success, however, that commends him to every harness buyer in Crockett and vicinity, is the care and attention given to the employing of experienced and efficient workmen to assist him in the manufacturing of his goods which, by the way, are mostly hand made. And it is due this gentleman to state that, since he established his business in our city, there has not been one single complaint regarding the quality of the goods he has sold or the prices charged for the same. Instead, those horsemen and others who have occasion to buy harness and horse furnishing goods of all kinds, who have tested his goods, have expressed themselves as being exceptionally well pleased with both the quality of the goods and the reasonableness of the prices charged. That the citizens of Crockett are proud to have such expert mechanics located in our city goes without saying, and we trust Mr. Lundy will feel disposed to remain with us for many years to come.

All kinds of repairing is done at his shop, there being experts employed expressly for this work so that patrons may be waited upon promptly. Mr. Lundy occupies one of our most modern structures, two stories in height, and is arranging for an additional new stock of goods which will be placed in the second story, which is, at the present time, not in use to any extent. When this new stock of goods is added Mr. Lundy will have one of the most extensive stocks of harness and horse furnishing goods to be found in any like sized town in the state of Texas, and it is to be hoped that the people in this city and vicinity will give him the liberal patronage he justly deserves.

His extensive business has been built up by treating the people right and giving them bargains seldom found in the real estate business.

Mr. Hall is one of our most popular and progressive pioneer citizens, he having lived in Crockett for the last fifty years. The greater part of his business life in our midst has been in the mercantile field, while as a farmer few have had more practical experience than has he. He possesses a number of fine farms, as well as quite a list of city property and owns most of the real estate he sells, which no doubt, answers to a great extent, for the exceptionally low prices he quotes to investors and homeseekers. He has been quite successful in the planting and selling of fruit farms.

Mr. Hall's private and business life in Crockett has been closely interwoven with the city's best interests. He filled the office of city mayor for two years with much dignity and success. He is president of the school board at the present time, an important official position in which he has won no little popularity and distinction by his efficient and conscientious work. Mr. Hall has been the main factor in inducing many people to come and locate in our town and county and it is safe to say that none of our citizens have done more for their home town, his readiness to help push all local movements to success having won for him the highest esteem of the entire public. Mr. Hall's office is located in the rear of the Crockett State Bank, where he will be found always ready to talk real estate with anyone who may wish to ascertain the value of city or farm property in this vicinity, and he has some rare bargains for those who may wish to locate here.

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homes, is one thing above all others which accounts for the town's continuous prosperity and growth.

**GROWTH AND ADVANCEMENT.**

The business portion of the town never seems dull to the observer. Creditable buildings and business blocks occupy the main streets, and a stroll through the residence portion of the town will disclose to view elegant and home-like residences surrounded by well-kept lawns. Business of all kinds is, and has been, good. The city has an excellent government, the different officials being among our most enterprising and substantial citizens. Life and property are secure and values are well established and maintained, and with good society, a healthful and delightful climate, handsome and appropriate location of the town as to drainage, etc., railroad, telegraph, telephone and mail facilities to all parts of the world; educational, religious and many other advantages, make all the conditions of life in this, "our home town," pleasant and agreeable. Its moral tone has ever been the watchful regard of our citizens, it has a good, healthy school sentiment and a widespread in-

**JAS. S. SHIVERS & COMPANY, INC.****One of the Most Popular and Extensively Patronized Trade Emporiums in this Section of the State.**

Back of every successful business establishment, when one reviews its career and notes its constant development from season to season, there is revealed an alertness to anticipate popular needs, a promptness to respond to every demand and an integrity which works the beginning and the end of every transaction. To develop a business to that point where it becomes a representative enterprise, as well as an important factor among the mercantile institutions of the city in which it is located, requires on the part of its management pronounced business knowledge, marked executive ability and methods of simplicity in all trade relations; for success in this line must come from intelligent, well-directed efforts, and we feel that these observations apply, with singular force and effect, to the store of J. S. Shivers & Co., which has achieved a marked popularity throughout the town and country. Since its inception, 37 years ago, this store has displayed a system of originality and conscientious business methods which have been the main factors in its steady increase in patronage, from month to month, until now it enjoys the distinction of being one of the leading mercantile institutions in this section of the state. As a competitor of the mail order houses and large city stores, this firm stands out conspicuous among the merchants of our city. There has been no time since they established this enterprise in our midst that it has not been successful in meeting all foreign competition, and that there is nothing in this extensive stock that cannot be had for even less cost than the same goods can be bought of the mail order houses goes without saying. Taken as a whole, Shivers & Company can truthfully be given a prominent position in our history of Crockett and her material resources, not alone as business men of exceptional efficiency and experience, but also as enterprising citizens who are always pleased to do all that they can to push their home town to the front. They are naturally proud of Crockett and desirous of seeing the town grow and expand in population and prominence. These are the kind of men that make any city progressive and we trust to see them among us for many years to come. The store occupied by this popular firm is large and commodious, being 50x90 feet in size, connected with which is their hardware and grocery store which is 27x90 feet. They control, practically, three stores combined into one large, metropolitan trade emporium. The store throughout is arranged with every modern convenience, including a cash carrier system which makes the wrapping up of packages and the making of change rapid and satisfactory.

From eight to ten experienced salespeople are constantly employed and everything done that hustle, ambition and honest business methods, coupled with the use of ample capital can procure to make their establishment pop-

**C. A. CLINTON****Our Popular and Efficient Plumber Who Makes it a Point to Please His Patrons Sanitary Plumbing a Specialty.**

The sanitary system in any town should be the pride of every citizen and not one should neglect to keep all sanitary appliances and conveniences in proper order. To do this, of course, it is necessary to engage the services of a good plumber, who is capable of doing the work satisfactorily. To be a successful plumber one must not only acquire a knowledge of the work by study and experience, but he must have a natural inclination for the work. And when both of these qualities are combined, or, in other words, successfully possessed by one person, such as is the case with Mr. C. A. Clinton, there is little doubt but that all work done by him will prove up-to-date and satisfactory in every way. Mr. Clinton has more than proved his exceptional ability as a first-class plumber and it should behoove our citizens to give to him their work in this line.

The new store he has opened up at the southeast corner of the square is 25x90 feet in size, and is equipped in city style. There are three modernly furnished bath rooms, occupying the front. These bath rooms, with their fixtures, show the different styles and cost. The customers can see just how their bathroom will look when it is installed and he can judge the relative quality and price by a single glance. Everything about this establishment is first-class as well as the work turned out.

A full line of plumbers' supplies are carried, including Johnson farm pumps and engines, acetylene and gasoline plants, pumps, water and gas pipes, bath tubs and lavatories, kitchen sinks and water closets.

Mr. Clinton is one of those enterprising plumbers who takes a personal pride in his work and is careful to employ none but experienced and capable assistants. Few people realize the importance of employing men of experience and efficiency to do their work in this line. And when such plumbers as the above named gentleman, have proved, by years of practical work, their exceptional efficiency in this important line of work, there is no reason why anyone should go without first-class sanitary conditions in and about their places of residence.

In addition to his plumbing work, Mr. Clinton also handles gasoline engines. He is also interested in a large plantation and two fine fruit farms, one of 200 acres and the other 470 acres, and has a canning factory from which he ships large quantities of fresh peaches every season.

Mr. Clinton has been identified with the plumbing interests of Crockett ever since the waterworks started, about five months ago. He is from Chicago, where he learned his trade, having come to Crockett about four years ago. Mr. Clinton is already recognized as one of our most prominent men of affairs who believes in doing all he can to advance the material interests of the town in which he lives. He never refuses to give his liberal assistance to any and all beneficial local movements and the Courier takes considerable pride in giving him prominent mention along with the many other enterprising business men and loyal citizens who have chiefly been instrumental in the recent rapid growth and progress of our little city.

ular with the people. This business concern may be justly recognized as the largest and most extensive store in Crockett, while the assortment of dry goods, shoes, stoves, wagons, fencing, plows, and, in fact, everything to be found in a well-regulated general merchandise establishment, is far above the average for a town of this size.

The officers of this incorporated concern are Jas. S. Shivers, president; R. L. Shivers, vice president; and W. O. Shivers, secretary. These gentlemen are all business men of standing and public spirited citizens. They have always been identified with the best interests of the city and are numbered among the leading men of affairs who have always helped to advance the city's interests, and their extensive emporium is worthy of mention in this edition as it is typical of the town's growth.

**R. S. WILLIS****Manufacturer of Yellow Pine Lumber, One of the Largest Enterprises of Its Kind in the South.**

Every town is proud to boast of its up-to-date and successful business and manufacturing concerns, and in this history of Crockett and Houston County we would not be doing the town or the people justice did we not give prominent mention to Mr. R. S. Willis and his metropolitan manufacturing enterprise. Mr. Willis is one of the most popular and well known lumber manufacturers in this section of the state. Since he first established his present concern, about eleven years ago, his business has so increased from season to season that it is doubtful if there is another like enterprise in the county today that enjoys a more satisfactory business. Mr. Willis makes a specialty of manufacturing yellow pine lumber, rough and dressed, his planing mill here in Crockett turning out on the average of 50,000 feet per day, while his saw mill, located about six miles from town, on his 12000-acre timber farm, has a daily capacity of 20,000 feet. In the planer and saw mill there is employed a combined force of twenty hands. There are few like enterprises in the South that can equal this one for first-class work and the turning out of fine lumber of every description. There is nothing in the building material line, commonly produced by a mill of this character, that Mr. Willis cannot furnish patrons on short notice, and the prices prevailing are exceptionally reasonable and fair.

Mr. Willis is one of our prominent men of affairs, and both he and his family move in the best social circles of Crockett. He is one of those true Southern gentlemen who is naturally proud of his family, and he has given them a home in Crockett of which they have good cause to feel more than thankful. It is a lovely \$5000.00 residence, built entirely from material provided by his own mill. The house has eleven large and commodious rooms, and it stands out conspicuous as one of Crockett's most up-to-date residences.

A history of Crockett gives us no one who has done more to make his home town popular and progressive than has Mr. R. S. Willis. He is always to the front in promoting the town's material welfare, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

**DANIEL & BURTON**

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find in this store a place whereat to secure almost anything wished for in the way of the necessities of life. There is not anything in the way of wearing apparel or food stuffs, groceries, etc., that cannot be found at the store of Daniel & Burton, and all of which is sold at for as little cost as the same goods can be procured elsewhere. The building occupied by Daniel & Burton is one of the largest and most extensive in the county, it being 40x100 feet in dimensions. Five and more experienced clerks are employed, and everything is done by the management that diligent study, perseverance and the employment of ample capital can secure, to make their store popular with the trade. All goods are bought in large quantities for cash, and there is not a similar concern in this section of the state that quotes lower and more satisfactory prices. Aside from their extensive mercantile business, Messrs. Daniel & Burton deal largely in cotton, buying a good part of the cotton brought to this market, and paying the highest market prices for it. These gentlemen also have a branch store at Kennard, which is in charge of Mr. Daniel. The store here is under the care and supervision of Mr. Burton, who is highly esteemed by all who know him as being one of Crockett's most enterprising and industrious citizens. He and his partner have always taken an interest in all local affairs of benefit to their home town, never hesitating to give their aid and liberal financial assistance toward making the town and community in which they live better and more up to date. That both Mr. Burton, his partner, Mr. Daniel, and their popular business establishment is deserving of prominent mention in our history of Crockett goes without saying.

## W. H. BAYNE

Our Efficient and Enterprising County Treasurer, An Official Who Has Won the Good Will of the Public.

To fill the important office of County Treasurer the electors of Houston county chose Mr. W. H. Bayne at the last election, and we think we voice the sentiment of the people when we say that no more popular gentleman or more influential and efficient officer was ever elected to fill this important position. Mr. Bayne has been a resident of this county for a number of years; in fact, was born and raised here, and his friends are numerous. While occupying this official position but for the first term, Mr. Bayne has more than proved himself competent to handle the various duties pertaining thereto in an able and efficient manner, and it is to be hoped that he will feel disposed to run for the office at the coming fall election, as such a well tried and conscientious County Treasurer is not easy to find, by any means. There is not another county official position that requires its occupant to be more of a man of honesty and perseverance, and as Mr. Bayne has proved himself to be possessed of all these good qualities, and his work thus far has been exceptionally satisfactory, it will be but just to him and conferring a great favor upon the citizens of Houston county to put him in office for another term. If his many friends and the influential citizens of Crockett, who appreciate a good thing when they see it, have any influence in the Democratic primary, there is no question but that Mr. Bayne will receive its endorsement at the coming fall primary, which is the same as an election. Mr. Bayne has won a host of friends in Crockett by the ready and willing manner in which he has helped to push his home town to the front. He is one of those enterprising gentlemen who believe in advancing the material interests of the town in which they live whenever they can do so, and he has been conspicuous in many ways in the town's past and present progress. And the Courier is pleased to note his popularity and prominence in our midst and give him prominent mention in our Immigration Anti-Mail Order Edition.

## MOORE & SALLAS

One of the Most Prominent and Successful Law Firms in This Section of the State.

The bar of Houston county has won an enviable reputation all over the country for the erudition, courtesy and success of its members, many of whom have achieved a state of wide reputation for their ability and for a correct apprehension of what pertains to their profession. The subjects of this brief sketch, Messrs. Jno. I. Moore and L. A. Sallas, whose efforts at present, and for some time past have been given to the perpetuation of this happy condition, are recognized as being one of the most popular and efficient law firms in the county. While this edition is not intended as an advertising medium, and the publishing of the ability of these two gentlemen for the purpose of financial gain to them is far from the intention and purpose of the writer, we feel that our history of Crockett and her business and professional interests should contain due mention of every firm that has been conspicuous in the life of our little city, and there is no one who has observed the career of Messrs. Moore & Sallas who will deny the statement that they have been exceptionally enterprising in the upbuilding and growth of this, their home town. They have been more than reasonable in their charges for legal services and advice, when sought after by one of our citizens and there is no question but that the standing of Crockett as a law abiding community, is due to a great extent to their conscientious efforts in inducing the evil inclined to observe our city laws and promptly punishing the wrongdoers for their unfortunate acts. Their ability to practice in all courts has won for them a long and satisfactory list of clients, while the services rendered has won for them a distinction of which they have just cause to feel proud.

They are both highly esteemed citizens of Crockett, having been born and raised in this county and resided in this city, the greater part of their lives. As lawyers they have had considerable experience, Mr. John I. Moore

## ADAMS & YOUNG

One of Crockett's Most Popular and Successful Law Firms, that has Made a Success by Treating the People Right.

Among the business and professional circles of Crockett there is no one firm that stands out more conspicuous than does that of Adams & Young, composed of Earl Adams, Joe Adams and J. W. Young. These professional gentlemen are all old citizens of this county, Mr. Earle Adams having resided in Crockett for over forty years, Joe Adams during his lifetime and Mr. Young about ten years.

Singly and together, these gentlemen have been practicing law in this county for the past forty years, and they have been very successful. Since organizing the present firm, their combined ability and experience has won for them as extensive a clientele as any one other law firm in the county.

In addition to their law business, these gentlemen are extensive dealers in real estate, and have one of the largest lists of city property and farm land of any real estate firm in the county. They have large tracts of land for sale or trade, and are prepared to make investments for clients at a distance. Their past record for honesty in our midst being a guarantee that all patrons will receive the full worth of their money.

Adams & Young also have a fine set of abstract of title books and are prepared to furnish an abstract of title

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### HOUSTON COUNTY.

Houston county is situated in East Texas, between the Trinity and Neches rivers. It was taken from a portion of Nacogdoches county in the year of 1836; organized in 1837, and was named after that good old Southern gentleman, General Sam Houston. It has a population of over 35,000; Crockett, the county seat, having 4,000; Lovelady, 1,000; Grapeland, 1,000; while Kennard, Kennard City and Ratcliff, combined, have about 3,500. The bonded indebtedness amounts to \$25,000, while the last assessed valuation was \$7,169,367. The tax rolls last year showed 19,426 cattle, 15,455 hogs, 7,214 horses and mules, 1,091 goats and 364 sheep. The annual rainfall is 30 inches, the average depth of water wells are 30 feet. The surface of the county is gradually undulating, and at one time four-fifths of it was covered with timber and one-fifth prairie. Today, however, over half the land of the county has been cleared and is subject to agriculture. The character of the soil in the most part is hammock, the variety being almost unlimited, there being all grades and textures, from the black waxy to the white sandy. The predominating class of soil belongs to what is known as the Orangeburg sandy loam and Orangeburg clay types, of which there are thousands of acres especially adapted to the growth and culture of high-grade Cuban tobaccos, fruits and vegetables, including the sugar beets. The next most common soil is the alluvial, found along the

## NUNN & NUNN

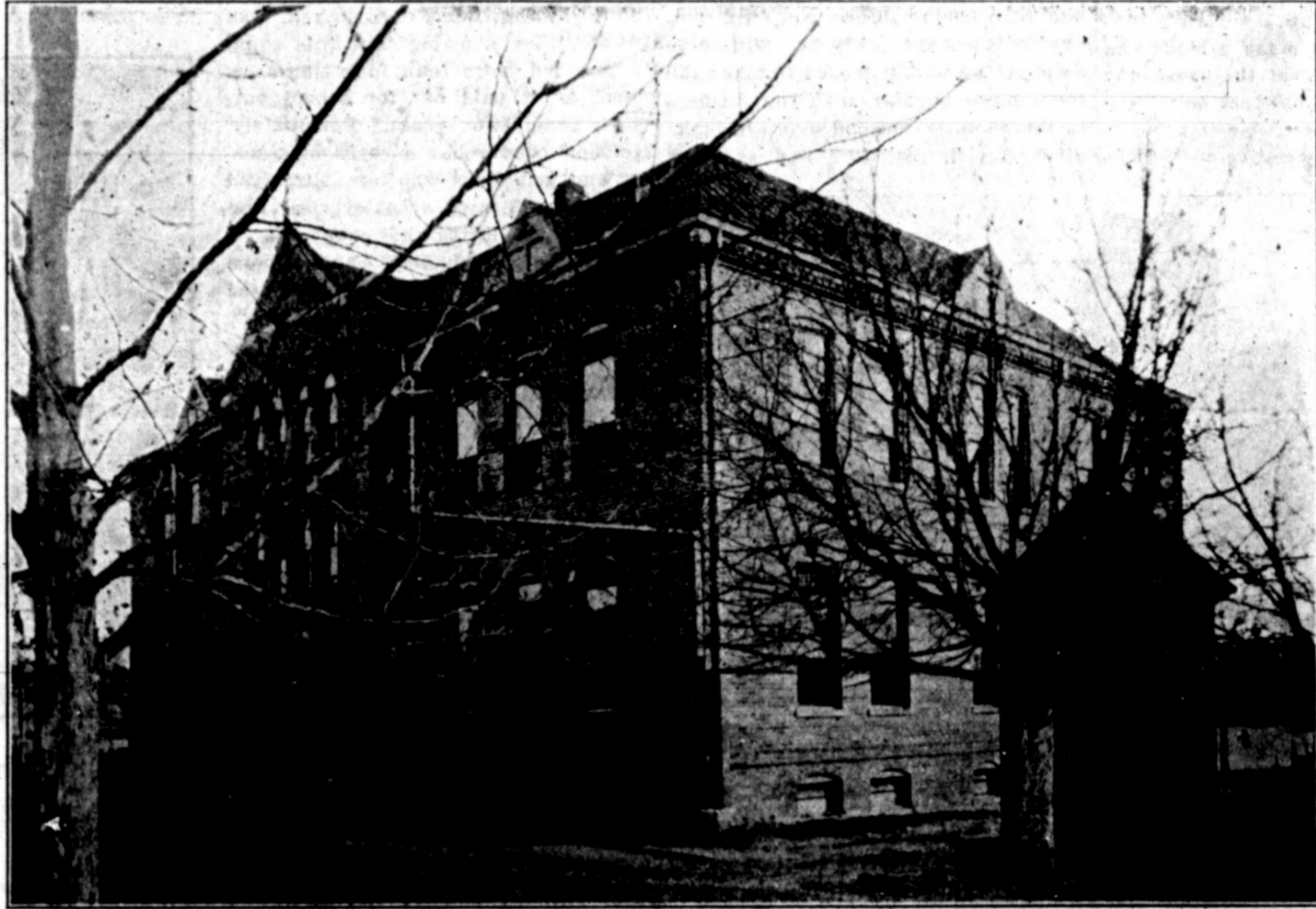
One of the Most Prominent and Successful Law and Real Estate Firms in This Section of the State

The noblest profession on earth is that of the law; because to be a successful lawyer a man must possess a knowledge of the customs and laws which govern commerce, land laws, state and county government laws and, in fact, everything that he will likely have to advise or pass judgment upon. These are facts beyond dispute and amply show the vast amount of careful and continual study a lawyer must undertake if he would remain prominent in his profession. In Crockett we have in the persons of Messrs. D. A. Sr., and D. A. Jr., Nunn, the subjects of this sketch, lawyers who possess these characteristics and who occupy worthy positions in the ranks of their noble profession. Among the attorneys at law in this county it is not saying too much to accord both of these gentlemen leading positions among the most popular and successful. As a legal firm competent to handle the most difficult cases in any and all courts, Messrs. Nunn & Nunn have won a distinction of which they may justly feel proud. During the many years in which they have put in their best endeavors in this important professional work, these gentlemen have achieved great prominence as advocates and counsellors who take considerable pride in all cases, a

years, while his son has been admitted to the bar of Houston county for about twenty years, and it is due them to state that no attorneys in this locality have done more to make the bar of Houston county famous and popular. They have been active in local politics and Mr. Nunn, Sr., was our efficient District Attorney for two terms. Nunn & Nunn have always been identified with the town's best interests, their enterprising efforts displayed in the upbuilding of their home town having won for them the highest esteem of the entire public.

It is with much pride that the Courier gives them prominent mention in our history of the town's past and present progress, and join with all friends and fellow citizens in wishing them continued popularity and success in our midst.

In addition to their law business, Messrs. Nunn & Nunn do quite an extensive real estate and abstracting business. They have a strictly up-to-date and thoroughly revised set of abstract of title books, and furnish perfect titles to both city and farm property in Houston county. In real estate they have a fine list of city lots, homes and farm and ranch land which will be sold at very reasonable prices, or traded in on other property. They have an extensive list of Houston county land of which they make a specialty, making it their ever effort to sell this land before all other and thus bring more settlers into this section. In fact, there is scarcely nothing in the way of city and farm real estate they cannot furnish the prospective investor or homeseeker on short notice.



Crockett High School Building

to any piece of city property or farm land in Houston county, with a guarantee that it will be positively perfect.

This is one of Crockett's leading legal firms and is composed of gentlemen of enterprise and hustle who have won many fast friends by the ready and willing manner in which they have helped to promote the material interests of their home town.

Both Messrs. Earle and Joe Adams, as well as Mr. J. W. Young, are all popular men of affairs, and have won the highest esteem of all who know them. They are worthy of prominent mention in our souvenir edition, and we join with all friends and patrons in wishing them many years of future success in our midst.

having practiced in this county for the past 20 years, and Mr. L. A. Sallas 10 years.

In addition to their general practice, these gentlemen are employed by the I. & G. N. R. R. to look after their interests in this locality. Taken altogether, Messrs. Moore & Sallas have won much distinction as practitioners of the law, while as citizens they have won the good will and confidence of the public at large.

**W. C. Lipscomb**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Crockett, Texas

thorough network of creeks and smaller streams, affording abundance of water for stock. There is ample water for mill and manufacturing purposes. In addition to the creeks and rivers there are a chain of large lakes which abound in fish.

### CROPS.

The principal crops of Houston county, with their average yields per acre, are to be seen from the following: Corn, 30 bushels; cotton, one-half bale; oats, 100 bushels; alfalfa, 4 tons; sugar cane for syrup, 200 to 600

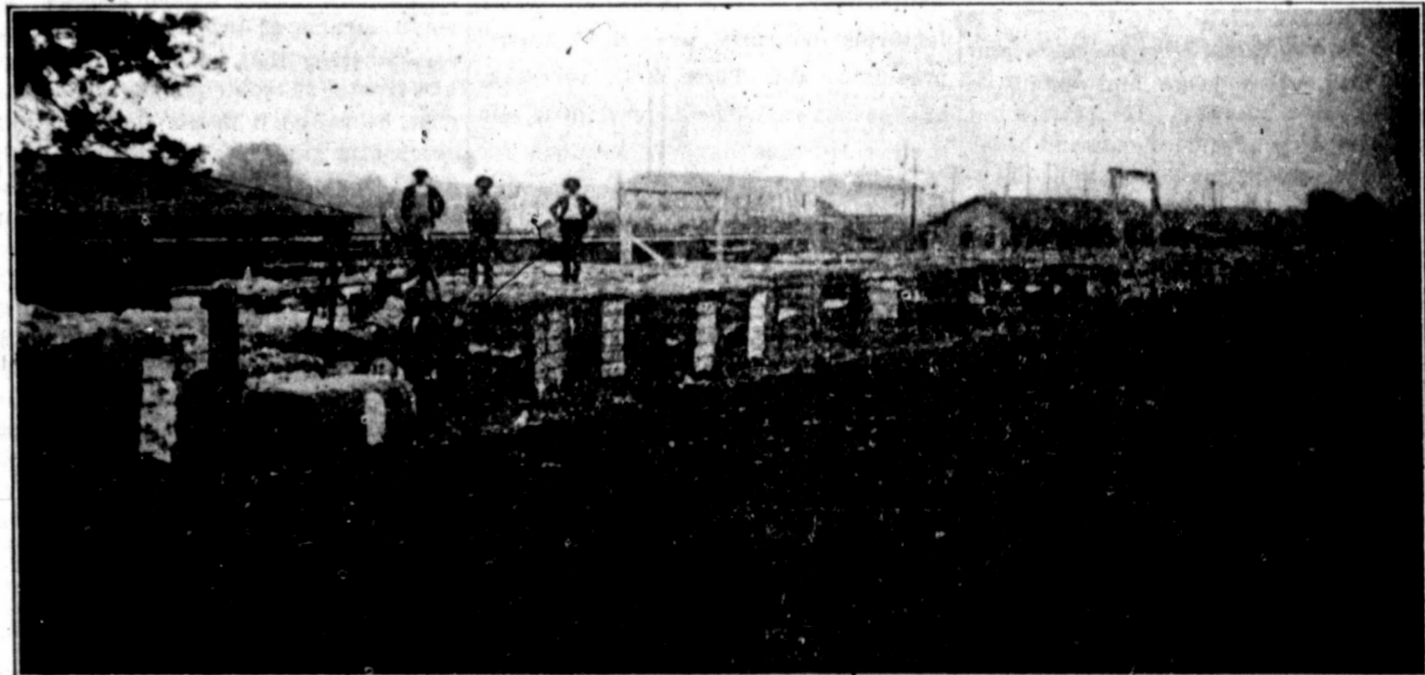
feature of their popularity and success being the manner in which they give all clients their very best efforts in the winning of their cases. No matter whether the case involved is one of a few dollars, or many thousands, they take pride in giving every case their undivided attention and most diligent study. They are both men of breadth and learning. Their personality is forcible and as orators of telling effect, they both rank high.

Mr. Nunn, Sr., has been practicing law in this county for over fifty-two

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restaurant and bakery than this one and it deserves and receives a large and ever increasing patronage. In the winter season oysters are cooked and served in all styles and the stews and fries of the restaurant have a fine reputation among all who like good things to eat. So when you are hungry, don't forget the Crockett Bakery and Restaurant.



Cotton Platform at Crockett, Oil Mill in Background

## JUDGE E. WINFREE

Our Popular and Profound County Judge, Who Has Done Much for the Town and the County.

Crockett and Houston county should be proud of many of her citizens and no doubt is, but among them all that it has been the pleasure of the writer to meet, a man whose natural instinct it is to exercise those unnamable little acts of courtesy and gentility so appreciated by both citizens and strangers alike, we feel that special mention is due the subject of this sketch, Judge E. Winfree.

Judge Winfree has resided in Houston county for the better part of his lifetime, and like the sunny, genial climate, he has done his part in scattering sunshine along the paths of humanity, for, while the position of County Judge is one of much dignity, the judge always has a bright smile or a pleasant word for all who have occasion to visit his office. That the judge of a large and growing county like Houston should be a man of worth and stainless character, goes without saying, and when that is supplemented, as is the case with Judge Winfree, with exceptional legal ability and judicial capacity, and an eye single to the public good, it cannot but inure to the lasting advantage of the community.

Judge Winfree has had considerable experience in this official position, having served for six years, when he retired from active official life for a few years, when he was re-elected to the office, serving for two years more. He will be a candidate for the position again, subject to the Democratic primary, provided his many friends can persuade him to accept the same, and there is no question but that he will be elected.

Judge Winfree is a native of Old Vir-

## T. D. CRADDOCK

That Popular Dealer in Dry Goods, Gress Goods, Groceries, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Etc.

During the six years in which the above named gentleman has conducted this Dry Goods and Grocery Store in our city he has built up a trade of which any merchant might feel proud. Strictly honorable dealings, combined with the best of goods and equitable prices are responsible, in a great degree, for the prominent position Mr. Craddock holds in the trade circles of this city today. The emporium of trade occupied by this gentleman is conveniently located on one of our principle business streets is 25x90 feet in size, with plenty of light and ventilation. There is also a warehouse where the surplus stock is kept, measuring 30x65 feet. Among the several features of this popular store is its display windows, which are always properly decorated and newly arranged often, an essential to the success of any merchant which is neglected only too often in the estimation of the writer. Mr. Craddock's complete stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Canned Goods, Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., has been so well chosen and so carefully bought at the most reliable markets, that the prices are always satisfactory, while the treatment accorded to his patrons has become proverbial for the satisfaction given.

Mr. Craddock is active, prominent and influential in our social life, and is one of those wide-awake business men who realizes the benefit to be derived from making the town in which his store is located up-to-date and popular as a trade center. Not only that, but he is always ready and willing to do anything within reason to make the town more popular with the farmers in this vicinity. He endeavors to make all who visit his store feel at home

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frontier Indian fighter who was one of the unfortunates who fell at the capture of the Alamo, at San Antonio, by the Mexicans. David Crockett camped on the banks of the creek that runs through the town, where the lee plant now stands. Crockett is located on the J. & G. N. R. R., 113 miles north of Houston and 38 miles south of Palestine. It has a fine temperance sentiment, saloons being a thing of the past in our city. Religiously, Crockett has won an enviable name all over the south. Nearly every known denomination is represented here, the town having several fine churches, which are presided over by experienced and efficient pastors. The Methodist church is presided over by Rev. F. M. Boyles, the Presbyterian by Rev. S. F. Tenney, the Christian church by Rev. James A. Arnold and the Baptist by Rev. L. T. Grumbles. All of these gentlemen are industrious, ambitious pastors and they have won the confidence and highest esteem of all who know them.

### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

Crockett and Houston county can boast, justly, of one of the finest educational systems of any town and county of the same size in the state. There are 130 schools in the county, with a scholastic population of 8,000. The schools are assisted liberally by the county and state both, the state furnishing \$6.50 prorata and the county 30 cents. Each local district has a tax to supplement these state and county funds, while the permanent county school funds is \$63,000. In 1904-5 the state school tax paid by the citizens of Houston county was \$10,735. The amount given to Houston county by the state the same year was \$44,020, thus showing that this county received more than four times as much as it paid out for school purposes those two years. Fortunately, Houston county has a corps of teachers and principals who have displayed an unusual degree of enterprise and hustle, thus placing this county on a high basis of popularity and importance among the school systems of the state.

## BEASLEY AND THE BEAR

How Mr. H. A. Beasley, One of Our Prominent Citizens, Met and Killed a Vicious Black Bear Alone and Single Handed.

It will no doubt interest many of our citizens to learn that there is one among us who has but recently experienced the exciting sensation subsequent to the extinguishing of a huge beast's life and gaining for himself the honored distinction of having rid the state of Texas of one of its dangerous animals. The above referred to gentleman is no other than our popular and highly esteemed druggist, Mr. H. A. Beasley, who, alone and single-handed, with nothing in the whole wide world to protect himself with but a latest modeled 35 Winchester Automatic rifle, met and actually killed a monster, vicious black bear.

Mr. Beasley was strolling along a narrow pathway, way up on Davis Mountain, 30 miles from civilization, alone and unprotected, as we have said, except for the above named fire arm, when, just as he was about to turn a sharp corner near a large rock, who should appear directly in front of him, not more than twenty feet away, but master bruin, snorting and growling in a manner sufficiently vociferous to frighten the most hardy and experienced hunter. But not Mr. Beasley—far from it. For, nothing daunted, he stopped, quickly looked around for some means of protection and then, remembering that he had in his hand his trusty 35 Winchester Automatic rifle, he raised it to his shoulder, took quick aim and "let her flicker." The first two shots, which were fired under the highest pitch of excitement, no doubt, did not seem to have any effect, as the angry animal gave an awful roar, raised itself upon its hind legs and made one lunge as though it would tear its enemy in a thousand pieces. But it evidently reckoned without its host, for another ball from the trusty rifle, this time fired with a clear eye and quick brain, and steady nerve, struck the brute in the head, about two inches to the left of the right eye, which proved too much for even so tough and huge bear as this one was. So it dropped its fore paws slowly to the ground and gave its adversary one long, lingering look, and rolled over—dead.

## JOHN H. ELLIS

Houston County's Popular and Efficient Tax Assessor, Who is Now in His Third Term.

In compiling the history of any town it is but just that prominent mention be made of those popular and efficient officials of the county in which that town is located, especially if they have proved to be above the average as efficient officials such as those of Houston county have done. And it is in view of this fact that the Courier brings to public view those Houston county officials who are deserving of being placed in this popular class, prominent among whom, and holding a high position in the estimation of his fellow men, is the subject of this sketch, Mr. John H. Ellis, County Assessor. Mr. Ellis has occupied this important county office for three consecutive terms and has given the best of satisfaction to all who have had business with his office, besides winning the esteem of the entire public by his honest, conscientious method of performing the duties pertaining thereto.

There is perhaps no officer in the county that comes in contact with more people during the performance of his official duties than does that of assessor, and when that assessor has the natural ability to make friends easily, as has Assessor John H. Ellis, it cannot but be of great assistance to him in the performing of his various duties. A review of Crockett and Houston county gives us no official who has more conspicuously won the confidence

## W. H. KULLMAN

Popular Real Estate and Land Man, Improved Farms a Specialty, Office in the State Bank Building.

Mr. Kullman is a business man and real estate agent of ability and foresight. He is a native of Beardstown, Illinois, and has traveled over the entire western and southwestern sections of the United States during the past few years, in search of land. He has looked into the producing qualities of the soil, the character of the climate, water, etc., and thoroughly investigating the claims of each section, as to their possibility of growth and future development. After a thorough test and mature deliberation, he has chosen Houston County as being the most promising section of Texas, and

in fact, the whole southwest. Here he has found all the elements of soil, climate and water that go to make an ideal agricultural truck and fruit growing country. That he sincerely believes in the advantages of Houston County is proven by the fact that he and his associates have purchased thousands acres of land in this county.

Mr. Kullman first purchased 1362 acres, in connection with his brother, Geo. F. Kullman, and four other gentlemen from Beardstown, Ill. Recently he purchased a thousand acres, with Mr. S. M. Peck, one of Crockett's most substantial and prominent cit-



First Methodist Church, Crockett, Texas

inia, but has been a resident of Crockett for the past 37 years. He is an old Confederate Veteran, and served from the opening of the civil war to the close. He was among the 40,000 at Petersburg, and was one of the 10,000 who surrendered at Appomattox with guns in their hands. His army record is one to be proud of and a legacy of honor to his children.

Judge Winfree is deserving of more than ordinary mention in our history of Crockett and Houston county, as he has always been identified with the town's best interests, never hesitating to give freely to the success of all local movements.

who thoroughly understands his business and who has proved his ability to turn out first-class work. Among the many contractors in Crockett there is no one who has gained more prominence in this latter respect than has Mr. W. A. Norris.

Mr. Norris came here 16 years ago and built up a large and extensive business as a builder. He has erected a number of handsome homes and other buildings, among which may be mentioned the M. E. church, Banker Moore's residence, the addition to the County Court house, the Gibson Hotel, at Trinity, Texas, and many others. He is at present building the new normal school at Huntsville, Texas, one of the finest and most expensive structures of its kind in the state.

Mr. Norris, though a native of Georgia, considers himself a true Texan. He takes an active interest in municipal affairs and has served for six terms as a member of the city council. The Courier knows of no man more worthy of the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, and we take this opportunity to indorse him and his work.

and consider themselves as perfectly welcome, no matter whether they buy anything or not.

There is no question but that this enterprising, ambitious method of doing business has done much to gain for Mr. Craddock the extensive trade he enjoys, which is equal to many of the old and long-established like concerns that were doing business in Crockett many years before he took the field. Honest business methods and good goods at right prices is what the buying public wants, however, and it is the merchant who is able to give them such that is bound to win out in the end.

## THE HOUSTON COUNTY OIL MILL & MANUFACTURING CO.

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over forty hands being employed. The active officers of this important manufacturing enterprise are: H. F. Moore, president, and Thos. Self, secretary and manager. These gentlemen and their associates have done much for the material interest of Crockett and Houston counties. They are business men of high standing, foresight and judgment, and richly deserve the success they have achieved, while the Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company, over which they have charge, is recognized as one of the largest and most up to date concerns of its class in the state.

## CHAS. C. STARLING

DENTIST

Office Over Crockett State Bank  
CROCKETT, TEXAS



The Products Grown on the Land Owned and Controlled by W. H. Kullman & Co.

and good will of the people. As a citizen, he has always been identified with the town's best interests, never hesitating to do all that he can to push those local movements to the front that are instigated for the betterment of his home town. That he has made one of the best County Assessors we have ever had, no one who has watched his official career in our midst will deny, and it is to be hoped that he will be put in office this coming fall.

Mr. Ellis is a native of Dallas county, though he has been a resident of Houston county for 17 years. He is prominent in social and lodge circles, being a K. of P. as well as belonging to other prominent lodges. He is now occupying his third term as County Assessor and will run for the same office at the coming fall election.

The Courier is pleased to give him prominence along with the many other popular citizens of Crockett and predict for him a long and prosperous future in our midst.

Think of a lone man meeting and killing an 800-pound vicious, black bear, thirty miles from a living soul, and accomplishing this feat with nothing but a 35 Winchester Automatic rifle. Just think what might have been the result if he had also missed the third shot. We shudder when we think of it.

However, our popular citizen and friend came through the skirmish with feathers flying and not a scratch on his person. And we are proud to say, in conclusion, that our proud citizen, Mr. H. A. Beasley, has won no little honor for himself and his home town by killing, singly and alone, with nothing but a 35 Winchester Automatic rifle, the biggest bear in West Texas.

If there are any of our readers who

izens, who has lived here for the past fifteen years.

All this land is to be cut up into farms of 150 to 200 acres and improved. By improving and working this land, the buyer or investor can see exactly what he land can produce. Mr. Kullman believes in showing up his property in this way, and he has been very successful in selling these improved farms. He knows what Houston County land will do, and is prepared to guarantee a profit of ten per cent to anyone who will purchase land of him and work it under his plan and instructions. Many northern farmers are taking advantage of this liberal offer, and Mr. Kullman is selling as much, if not more, improved land than any other real estate agent in this section of the state. His prices are reasonable and his terms are liberal and fair. Mr. Kullman is a northern man of energy and hustle. He is thoroughly familiar with farming and agriculture, and he and his associates are prepared to furnish rare bargains in Houston County realty. As a citizen Mr. Kullman, stands high and has made hosts of friends by his honorable business methods. He has gained the confidence and esteem of all who know him, and the Courier is pleased to give him special mention and recommend him to all who wish to enter into a fair and square land deal.

desire to learn more concerning this wonderful feat, they can do so by calling upon Mr. Beasley, who will no doubt be only too pleased to accommodate them and show them the hide of this 800 pound black bear, the last of his race in the state.

## W. V. BERRY

**That Experienced and Popular Real Estate Man Who Has Won Distinction by Giving All Patrons a Fair, Square Deal.**

Houston County and the whole State of Texas is in a prosperous condition and offers opportunities for profitable investments that cannot be excelled by any other state in the Union. That the honest, conscientious real estate dealer has contributed largely to this favorable condition of affairs goes without saying, and to him great credit is due. In compiling this history of Crockett and her many advantages as a residence and trade center it is entirely appropriate that we refer to those men who have been chiefly instrumental in bringing to our city a large number of desirable settlers. And one, if not the most prominent real estate agents in this line is the gentleman of whom we now write, Mr. W. V. Berry. During the many years in which this gentleman has been engaged in the real estate business in this city he has won for his honest efforts a distinction for courteous and liberal treatment of patrons of which he has just cause to feel proud. He is one of those real estate agents who believes in "live and let live," and there are not a few of our citizens business men as this gentleman has and farmers who hold him in the highest esteem for the honest, conscientious treatment received from him in the purchase of their home or farm.

It is such ambitious, enterprising business men as this gentleman has proved himself to be that have been

## H. J. PHILLIPS

**The Grocer Who Always Keeps on Hand Fresh and Wholesome Goods and Sells Them at the Most Reasonable Prices.**

There is a no more true example of what firm industry and true business ability can attain than is exemplified by the long list of patrons which Mr. H. J. Phillips has gained during his business career in our city. Few people realize how conscientious and up-to-date a merchant must be to locate in the midst of other similar concerns of long and popular standing and steadily forge to the front from his very first day's opening until, in a short time, he is recognized as a leader in his line. That to accomplish this the merchant must secure the best goods and sell the same at low prices goes without saying, and that is no doubt the one principal reason why the gentleman above named has won being a merchant who will not be undersold. This store is a favorite with the farmers in this vicinity who have found here a place where they can dispose of their farm produce and receive the highest market prices for the same, either in cash or trade. In fact, we doubt if there is a grocery store in Crockett that enjoys a more satisfactory country trade, or which buys and sells more country produce, foodstuffs, etc. As to the stock of staple and fancy groceries found at this store, the writer can say, truthfully, that we have seldom, if ever, seen a more up-to-date assortment in a town of this size. That Mr. Phillips is an expert in the art of buying his goods there is no question whatever, and as he gets the same in large quantities, direct from the most reliable manufacturers and jobbers, he is enabled to quote prices in all departments far below the average. It has been chiefly through the enterprising efforts of such live and wide-awake business men that our city has gained the popularity and prestige she has as an important trade center, and Mr. Phillips is to be congratulated for having given our city one of the best grocery houses we have ever had. In reviewing those citizens who have been chiefly instrumental in the up-building of our city we feel that more than ordinary mention is due Mr. Phillips for the conspicuous manner in which he has given his liberal support to any and all beneficial local movements, and we join with all friends and patrons in wishing him continued success and popularity in our midst.

## I. W. SWEET

**Recognized as One of the Popular and Progressive Business Men of this Section of the State.**

Purity of drugs and accuracy in compounding them are very necessary in cases of sickness. A prescription, as may be readily understood, does not answer its purpose if its full value is not given. And it is the druggist who uses the most care and pains in the perfecting of his prescription department, and who is careful to employ none but experienced and efficient pharmacists to look after the compounding of the prescriptions entrusted to his care, who is bound to win for his conscientious efforts the confidence and good will of the people. Considering the short time that this enterprise has been established in our city, its popularity and success is phenomenal. For, when a merchant can locate in any town the size of Crockett and in two years' time induce the local physicians to give his concern a large portion of their prescription business, such as Mr. Sweet has done, there is no question but that his business ability and determination to give his patrons a square deal is of a high order and deserving of success. In addition to Mr. Sweet being a druggist of many years' practical experience himself, he has employed one of the most efficient pharmacists in the South to assist him in this important work, and we feel safe in saying that the people of Crockett and vicinity will not be making a mistake by taking their prescriptions to this house.

Special mention is also due the assortment of drug store goods to be found on the shelves and counters of this popular store. The stock is exceptionally complete in every detail, while the prices at which everything is sold cannot be duplicated by any of the mail-order houses and by few of his local competitors. Mr. Sweet believes in treating the people right, and the effort displayed to keep a customer once he patronizes him has been the means of his building up a more than expected trade. There is plenty of room in any live town for such enterprising business men as Mr. Sweet has proved himself to be, and we feel that his success in our midst will never be on the wane.

chiefly instrumental in making Crockett the progressive and wide-awake little city she is today. And, we will say right here, that if there are any of our readers who contemplate a change in their present location, they will not find a better real estate agent with whom to do business than Mr. W. V. Berry. He is not only prepared to furnish you with almost anything wished for in the way of city homes and farm land, but he will give you a fair, square deal. While Mr. Berry is not a native of Texas, he having been born and raised in Louisiana, he has been a resident of this county for the past thirty-five years, having come to Crockett in 1875. He is a man of exceptional enterprise and hustle and has accumulated through his energetic efforts seven different farms. He always starts things on a large scale and has met with extraordinary success. He realized over \$5000.00 from his spring crop of potatoes and \$2000.00 from his fall crop of potatoes, and \$2000.00 from his cotton last season. He also owns a fine peach orchard and, altogether, probably owns and controls more cultivated land than any one other man in the county. Mr. Berry is a member of the International & Great Northern Immigration Association, and there is nothing in the real estate line that he is not prepared to furnish the prospective buyer on short notice and at exceptionally reasonable and satisfactory prices.

As a business man and a citizen it is safe to state that there is not another man in the county that is more popular with the public at large, or who has done more to develop Crockett and the surrounding country. Mr. Berry comes from one of those wide-awake, enterprising and progressive Southern families, his father having been a noted physician. His business and private life in our midst has been one of which he has good cause to feel proud, and the Courier joins with his many friends and patrons in wishing him continued popularity and success in his many and varied large enterprises.

## THE COUNTY SEAT

fluence from its churches, of which there is almost every denomination represented, the present presiding pastors being above the average for experience, education and a heartfelt ambition to bring the evil ones in this locality to God and induce all church members and professed Christians to work more diligently toward improving the moral conditions of this vicinity in general.

### NEW WATER WORKS SYSTEM.

The city of Crockett will soon have one of the finest waterworks systems of any town of its size in the state in a few weeks. The workmen have about completed the standpipe which is 125 feet and contains 75,000 gallons of water. The mains have been distributed throughout the city, and the well and pumping station completed. The waterworks will call for an investment of \$25,000 and when completed and running will furnish plenty of pure water and ample fire protection.

### IMPROVEMENT.

There are a number of public and private improvements being commenced in Crockett, including a number of new houses which are being erected all over the city. The new waterworks plant and last, but not least, the new \$10,000 depot of the I. & G. N. R. R. This depot will be the finest and best equipped between Palestine and Houston and our citizens and the traveling public are to be congratulated upon having the advantage of such a handsome and convenient station.

### LOCATION.

Crockett is considerable of a historical town, it having been named for Col. David Crockett, the celebrated

## THE CROCKETT BAKERY, F. B. WEBB, PROP'R.

**One of the Most Popular and Up-to-Date Business Concerns in this Section of the State. Only Exclusive Bakery and Restaurant in Houston County.**

It has been well said that one should not live to eat but "eat to live." With many people, however, it is a continuous struggle to find food sufficiently well prepared to enable them to live with any degree of comfort and satisfaction. The citizens of Crockett and vicinity are, however, fortunately excepted, for the popular and up-to-date bakery and restaurant owned and conducted by F. B. Webb fills all the requisites of a combined enterprise of this character. Mr. Webb employs an experienced and practical baker, and has proved himself to be, exceptionally efficient in making his place of business popular with the public. His list of patrons so increased, month by month, year by year, since he established his present enterprise, in our city, some two years ago, that it has been necessary for him to employ several assistants to help handle the trade. Bread, pies, cakes, cookies, and everything usually found in a well regulated establishment of this character, are made from the most wholesome and fresh ingredients, and sold at exceptionally low and satisfactory prices. In addition to the bakery a first-class restaurant is also conducted whereat one can get a nice hot lunch or a square meal on short notice. In fact, this part of his business concern has won for him considerable favorable comment and notice, for the splendid manner in which all patrons have been treated. Confectioneries and all kinds of fruits and oysters are carried in season.

Suffice to say, in conclusion, that this restaurant and bakery has added materially to the up-to-dateness and prominence of our little city as a residence and trade center, and there is every prospect that its popularity and patronage will ever be on the increase. Mr. Webb is a man of hustle, enterprise and ambition, and nothing will be omitted by him in the conducting of his bakery and restaurant to make it popular with the people.

Mr. Webb has furnished up a private dining room for ladies, where short orders, lunch, ice cream are served at reasonable prices. He is prepared to furnish parties with ice cream and cakes in any quantity. There is no more popular or conveniently arranged

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## DAN J. KENNEDY

**The Enterprising Dry Goodsman, Clothier and Furnisher Who is Always in the Lead.**

In all towns, large and small, there are certain houses which are leaders and whose influence in all departments of trade is such as to command the respect and admiration of their contemporaries. In Crockett this distinction is accorded to Dan J. Kennedy's extensive emporium of trade. It is often said "that nothing succeeds like success," but the prime glory of all success is to have acquired it through the force and industry of genius, untiring energy, keeping pace with the times and in straightforward dealings with the public. To such reasons must be ascribed the wonderful development and expansion of the above named concern which has long been recognized as one of our most representative mercantile enterprises. The store occupied is large and commodious and is filled from top to bottom with the finest lines of dry goods, dress goods, clothing, gents' furnishings, etc., all of which is marked down to the very lowest prices. This establishment was started 19 years ago, in a small but up-to-date manner, and it has increased in extensiveness of stock and patronage, season by season, until it is doubtful if there is another like concern in the county today that enjoys a more pleasing and satisfactory business. The building occupied consists of two stores in one, so to speak, each being 25x100 feet in size, and connected with an arch, both front and rear, making, in all, an exceptionally extensive trade emporium for a town of this size, and one that will compare favorably with the stores in the larger cities.

The active management of the above business is in the hands of Mr. D. C. Kennedy, and under his guidance the well established reputation of the store has been maintained and the trade increased. The stock carried is always kept up-to-date and the goods in the different departments are of the very best and of the latest style and pattern. The mail order or catalog houses have little or no effect on the trade of this establishment as they can not furnish the same high quality of goods or meet the low and reasonable prices quoted. There is not an article of merchandise on the shelves and counters of this store that has not been bought right and from the most reliable and legitimate jobbers and manufacturers, as a result everything is sold with a positive guarantee to give satisfaction to the most exacting customer.

## J. E. DOWNES

**That Enterprising and Progressive Cotton Buyer and Dealer in Flour and all Feed Stuffs. A Main Factor in Making this a Popular Cotton Point.**

That Crockett is becoming a better and more popular cotton center every year is a well acknowledged fact by those who have been observant enough to note the great amount of this important Texas product that is brought to this market. And there is no question but that this favorable condition has been brought about largely through the enterprising efforts of our wide-awake cotton buyers and shippers, prominent among whom, and holding a high position among his fellow men, is Mr. J. E. Downes. This gentleman is recognized as one of the best posted cotton men in the country, and there is not a sample of cotton brought to him for his inspection that he cannot tell the exact grade and value of in a very few minutes. And it is no doubt owing to this expert knowledge that has won for him his exceptional success.

Mr. Downes is a native of Houston County and has resided in Crockett all of his life. While he has only been engaged in the cotton business for the past five years, he has been identified with the business interests of the town for the past forty years or more and can justly be placed among our oldest business men. He conducted a general merchandise store for several years and met with much success, selling out his business in 1898 and retiring from active business life until he established his present enterprise. Mr. Downes is possessed with ample financial backing and is

## HOUSTON COUNTY COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

**One of Crockett's Most Popular and Up-to-Date Manufacturing Concerns.**

That Crockett can boast of as many up-to-date, metropolitan business concerns as any like-sized town in the state, there is no doubt whatever. And one, if not the most prominent among such, is the Houston County Coal and Manufacturing Company. Here is an enterprise that stands out conspicuous as a leader among the coal mining companies of Southern Texas. The company was organized in 1900 with plenty of financial backing, and it has steadily increased in popularity and patronage, the result of honest management and a disposition by its members to gain the confidence and good will of all who might give it their patronage. The officers of this popular mining company are: President, D. A. Nunn; vice president, A. H. Wootters; secretary-treasurer, G. Q. King, and assistant secretary treasurer, John LeGory. The directors being: A. H. Wootters, John LeGory, G. Q. King, D. A. Nunn and Ed. L. Evans. The mines controlled by this company are recognized as being among the best in the state and are located on the I. & G. N. R. R., eleven miles south of Crockett, and on the H. & T. C. R. R., six miles northwest of Jewett. The mines are conducted on strictly up-to-date principles, the very best prices being paid all miners and other men employed, while the entire force is housed and fed in a manner which has caused no little favorable comment.

The coal produced is principally used by steam plants, such as oil mills, cotton mills, compresses, electric lights and ice plants, and recent investigations shows this fuel to be very desirable as a gas producer, as a number of gas-producing plants are using this fuel and recommend it highly. President Nunn, as well as the other officers and stockholders, are all men of ambition and hustle, and they have left nothing undone to make their enterprise a success, and of which the citizens of Crockett might justly feel proud. The main offices of the company are here in Crockett, in the Chamberlain building. The officers all make their home in Crockett. While this is an enterprise that has no competition to contend with here in our city, and not one that is effected by the mail order houses, still its owners are all men of enterprise and hustle who believe in home industry and are always ready to do all they can to push Crockett to the front.

prepared to buy any and all cotton brought to him, paying cash for the same. Or, if preferred, he will dispose of your cotton to some one of the Eastern city firms on a commission basis, his charges in this respect being far below the average. As a cotton broker and commission merchant, Mr. Downes has enjoyed one of the most satisfactory businesses of any like concern in this section of the state, brought about by treating the people right and giving his patrons a fair, square deal. Mr. Downes also deals extensively in flour and feedstuffs, shipping the same to all parts of the county. The Courier is proud to state that it does not consider any one in Crockett more worthy of special mention in an edition of this character than is Mr. J. E. Downes. His business and private life has conspicuously been connected with the best interest of Crockett and Houston County for the past forty or more years and his record is one of which anyone might justly feel proud.

## W. A. NORRIS

**That Contractor and Builder Who Believes in Giving His Patrons the Worth of Their Money.**

There is nothing more essential to the popularity and growth of any town or city than to have within its borders experienced and capable contractors who have proved their ability to perform all work entrusted to their care promptly and satisfactorily. The home is the pride of every energetic and ambitious citizen, and it is always pleasing to know that the contract for its erection has been let to a man



## LUNDY & THOMPSON

Who Own and Conduct One of the Most Extensive and Up-to-date General Merchandise Establishments in the City.

Among the mercantile establishments of this city it is safe to state, that there is not one better known and more extensively patronized than is the general merchandise establishment owned and conducted by Lundy & Thompson. While this firm enjoys an extensive city trade, it is one of the favorites with the agricultural population of this locality, and it is safe to say that nothing short of death will ever cause its thousands of customers to trade anywhere else than at Lundy and Thompson's store. This remarkable emporium is a general merchandise establishment of the good old-fashioned kind which appeals so strongly to the tastes and inclinations of both citizens and farmers. No one but Messrs. Lundy and Thompson can even guess any where near to how many thousands of dollars worth of goods are packed on the shelves and counters of this popular store, all of which is of the most reliable and substantial quality. No trashy or inferior articles of any description are given shelf room, and this is a store at which a child can trade to as good advantage as can any grown person, for all goods are marked and sold at one price only, and any amount of Jewing down cannot induce any of the salespeople to reduce prices. Groceries, dry goods, notions, and household goods of every description are included in the immense stock. Both Mrs. Lundy as well as Mr. Thompson are certainly geniuses in this line of the mercantile trade and their success has been simply phenomenal. Their methods are unique and original and they are equally at home and at ease while matching a spool of thread or making a customer a several dollar sale. As citizens of enterprise both Mrs. Lundy as well as Mr. Thompson are counted among those who have helped to make our little city up-to-date and progressive by giving any and all local movements their undivided attention and liberal support. That their many friends and patrons will be pleased to see them given prominent position in our souvenir edition goes without saying.

This business was first established in 1886 by Craddock and Company, Lundy and Thompson having taken control of the business in 1896, since which time it has experienced unusual popularity and success, the result of bringing to the business ample capital, enterprise and metropolitan methods, combined with good goods at low prices.

## WM. M. PATTON

A Leading Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Feed Stuffs, Oil, Etc.

The Courier now has under consideration a self-made man, in the person of Mr. Wm. M. Patton. Mr. Patton commenced his little commercial career in a little city King Solomon had built in the wilderness, Tadmore, on October 13, 1887, 22 years ago, with a capital of \$600.00, and the first year he lost \$900.00. On August 30, 1889, he moved to Crockett, where his "special friends" predicted that he would make a failure and be back in the country behind a yoke of Jersey oxen in less than five years. Such was not the case, however, for he is still in Crockett doing a prosperous business and is ready and willing to give any one \$100.00 in cash who will show that he justly owes a single person a dollar. That Mr. Patton is numbered among our most substantial men of affairs is proven by the fact that the Dun and Bradstreet Commercial Agencies give him a rating of from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. This is a record to be proud of. To start in life with willing but empty hands, and built up a successful business of magnitude, such as Mr. Patton has done, calls for ability, energy and foresight, coupled with a knowledge of men and the qualities that move them. While success has crowned the efforts of Mr. Patton, it has not turned his head or made him "proud." He is still the same genial, whole-souled Southern gentleman that he was in the old pioneer days of his youth, when he ran wild hogs and cattle and attended the country dances with a 45 Colt's in one pocket and a bottle of Grove's

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## EDMISTON BROTHERS WHOLESALE GROCERS

One of the Leading Wholesale Concerns in This Section of the State, Metropolitan and Up-to-date.

Few people stop to think and fully realize how much good they can do their home town by taking notice of their local business concerns and patronizing those which prove to be up-to-date and progressive. There are always, in every town, business concerns whose enterprising methods and the disposition shown to keep in stock the best makes and grades of goods which they sell at the most reasonable prices, demand that they receive the confidence and patronage of the entire public. And especially is this the case in that of wholesale concerns. There are very few towns the size of Crockett that can boast of as up-to-date and metropolitan a wholesale house as that owned and conducted by Edmiston Bros., have proved to be, and, as this firm has always kept in stock the best of groceries, being careful that every article should conform, in every way, with the pure food law, it should behoove every citizen of Crockett to endeavor to buy their groceries of the local merchant who deals with this wholesale house. And it is but just to Edmiston Bros. to suggest to our local retail grocers that they visit this house and see what they can do in the way of securing their groceries here before again sending their money out of town. There is no question but that they can furnish our retail merchants with just as good goods as can any of the large city wholesale houses, and, as they can save them both time and expense in the way of prompt delivery, freight rates, etc., we cannot see why it would not be a saving for all of our local merchants to get their grocery store goods of this firm.

Among the metropolitan business enterprises of our city none stand out more conspicuous than does this one. During the years in which it has been established here there has been no time that it has not been able to successfully meet all competition, and its owners are to be congratulated on having given our little city such an up-to-date wholesale concern.

Both Messrs. C. L. and F. G. Edmiston are among our most enterprising citizens, who believe in pushing their home town to the front, and they have won the confidence and patronage of the public by doing their full share toward making all worthy local movements a success. They are among our most ambitious men of affairs and are deserving of special mention in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry.

## DURST & WAKEFIELD

Surveyors and Real Estate Agents. Bargains in Houston County Realty.

There is nothing that appeals so strongly to investors in land than Houston County realty at its present low prices. The land here will grow anything, while we have good water, equitable climate, good schools and churches, together with a population of energetic and refined people. Durst & Wakefield are numbered among our most substantial and reliable real estate agents and they have been the means of bringing a large number of desirable people to the county to locate. They have been untiring in their efforts to advertise the advantages of Houston County all over the United States, and as a result they are conducting a very popular and successful real estate business. Durst & Wakefield have a fine list of town, farm and ranch lands, among which are some rare and exceptional bargains. This firm are also competent surveyors and do all this class of work in a careful and prompt manner.

The members of this firm are wide-awake, public-spirited citizens and they have worked up a large and ever growing business in real estate and surveying.

In its review of the resources of Houston County it is but right and proper for the Courier to call attention to this successful and reliable firm and recommend them to all investors and homeseekers who wish the best land and who want honorable and fair treatment.

## THE COUNTY SEAT

found and utilized to a great extent. Taken as a whole, Houston county is one of the most up-to-date counties in the state. It lies 140 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, and about 80 miles west of the Louisiana state line. It consists of a land area of 762,753 acres, or about 1,192 square miles. The county is irregular in outline, the Neches river forming the eastern and the Trinity river its western boundaries. On the north lies Anderson county, one the east Cherokee and Angelina counties, on the south Trinity and Walker counties, on the west Madison and Leon counties. The first settlement in the county was at Crockett, in 1835. In 1874 the first railroad was built into the county, being the International & Great Northern. The East Texas railroad was built some years later, passing through the eastern portion of the county. These roads cause an active immigration into the county, and truck gardens, farms and ranches, as well as orchards, have sprung up all over this section. These interests are fully developed, the experimental stage has been past, and the results seem to warrant the belief that they will become permanent and important factors in the agricultural prosperity of the county. The climate of Houston county is temperate and is well suited to the growing of a large variety of agricultural products. The growing season is long and many crops may be grown during the greater part of the year. The winters, as a rule, are mild, although an occasional freeze occurs. The coldest months of the year are January and February. The summers are long, but the heat is seldom excessive, owing to the modifying influence of the gulf.

The rainfall of Houston county is ample for all crops and is well distributed throughout the growing season. Excessive rainfall or long periods of draught are exceptions, and disastrous winds or rainstorms seldom occur.

### POPULATION AND ADVANCEMENT.

Our city has a bona fide population of 4000 wide-awake, industrious citizens who take pride in the fact that their "home town" is not of a mushroom growth. It is not one of those cities which was "built in a night," so to speak, and yet its advancement and progress during the past few years has been phenomenal, it having steadily increased in importance and prestige until it now ranks with the best cities of its class in the state. A feature of the town's growth and progress which commends it to all sound thinking people is that its advancement and population has been in keeping with the ability of its business to supply the demands. It has maintained its position safely by the degree of certainty with which it has made its stride. Its principle promoters and land men do not have printed and circulated long real estate transfers, principally for the showing, but have sustained their reputation for honesty and enterprise by putting forth facts only, which, by the way, is all that is needed to set forth the town's true importance and standing as one of the most up-to-date and metropolitan cities of her size in the South.

It has been successful as a city because the people have been successful in their investments. All have felt that natural degree of pride in the general welfare of the town that arises from a progressive spirit among its citizens. Its streets are broad and well kept, while the business houses are modern and up-to-date. The stock of goods are large and tastefully arranged, and in style, quality and finish, will compare favorably with the larger stores in the more pretentious cities, while it is safe to state, without any compunction or fear of being disputed, that there is not a merchant in the entire city who does not make the prices on his goods reasonable and fair.

### FARMING OPPORTUNITIES.

The cast scope of territory on all sides of the city is unsurpassed for richness and fertility, and is one in which every grain, fruit, grass and vegetable known to this particular climate, as well as many of the subtropical plants, can be successfully grown, while stock of all kinds flourish. The city has exceptionally fine facilities as a shipping point, there being through lines of railroad into the far east, north, west and southern parts of the United States. The country hereabouts for many miles is a veritable garden spot for diversified agriculture. What we mean by that is that the land is suitable for all

## NATIONAL PACKING COMPANY

GEO. L. RICHARDS, MANAGER

An Enterprise That Has Proved of Much Benefit to the Merchants of Our Little City.

There are as many, if not more, metropolitan business establishments in Crockett as can be found in any like-sized town in the entire south, and not the least of this class of enterprises is the packing house conducted by Mr. George L. Richards. This house has proved of considerable value to our local merchants, as it has enabled them to secure their smoked meats, hams and all packing house products on short notice, and in any quantity desired. During the two years in which this house has been located in our city it has always kept in stock a complete supply of goods and has sold the same at prices that have proved satisfactory. Everything connected with the concern is up-to-date and metropolitan in appearance and makeup, and if our citizens will make it a point to buy the products that have come to our local retail dealers through this house they will be sure to obtain goods that are pure and wholesome.

The National Packing Company, which is located at Chicago, the house here being a branch of the Chicago concern, is recognized as one of the most reliable concerns of this character in the United States, as well as one of the most extensive. There is nothing in the packing house line that they do not handle, and their exceptionally extensive business operations enables them to quote exceptionally low prices in all departments.

Local Manager George L. Richards has already won the confidence of the citizens of Crockett by the courteous treatment to all, and we wish him success in our midst.

kinds of farm crops, such as cotton, corn, fruits, vegetables, the raising of cattle and hogs, poultry and all kinds of farm products. It would be useless to undertake to name the many different kind of vegetables that grow here, as it would simply be to enumerate the list almost complete enough to be found in any seed catalogue.

As we have before said, there are thousands of acres of this land that can be purchased at exceedingly low prices and on the most reasonable terms, awaiting willing hands to open, to plant and to cultivate and gather abundant and profitable crops. Improved and unimproved lands, which are cheap and never will be cheaper, lands that are rich in all the mineral elements of fertility that make the soil valuable for general agricultural purposes.

### GOOD HEALTH.

As a city of good health and little sickness, our popular little city ranks high. Situated nearly 1,000 feet above the sea level, we have a mean temperature of 80 in the summer and 58 in the winter, giving us a delightful and salubrious climate. Different from most territories where there are numerous storms and disagreeable weather, there is always a wealth of sunshine almost every day in the year, though we have plenty of rainfall during the growing season. There are no extremes. Snow falls and freezes are very seldom seen, and they are exceedingly light when they do occur. The general health is excellent, there being very little of the fever which is so common in other parts of the south. In fact, the climate here is simply ideal in every way. It would be difficult to even approximately estimate its value, as compared with sections where the seasons are shorter. The great advantages of the long growing seasons, like we have here, is that one man can properly handle greater acreage than where the time is limited in which to perform certain work, thereby saving the expense of outside help. The laboring man or homeseeker who comes to this section, or the one who lives and toils in the factories or mines of the country, herded in the unhygienic dwellings in the cities, can come to any neighborhood within many miles of this city, buy him a little farm at a reasonable price, and, in a short time, have for himself and family a veritable "Garden of Eden," with scarcely a serpent to disturb their serenity. Our city has a class of citizens who take pride in making the lives of new settlers home like and pleasant, and it is safe to say that no one will regret having left their present abode to come among such wide-awake, industrious people. They will find the town always up-to-date, pro-

## J. S. ARRINGTON

One of the Most Extensive Dealers in Horses and Mules and Cattle in This Section of the State.

While this locality is recognized as an agricultural center second to none in the state, it is, also, fast becoming headquarters for horses, mules and live stock of all kinds, a condition of prominence and one which lends much prestige to our city. Among the horse and mule men who have been chiefly instrumental in bringing about this favorable state of affairs is the gentleman of whom we now write, Mr. J. S. Arrington.

Mr. Arrington is recognized as one of the best posted horse and mule dealers in this section of the state. He has plenty of financial backing, and is in the market for anything in the way of horses, mules, cattle, hogs and live stock of all kinds. He is a splendid judge of horse flesh and can very quickly tell the value of any kind of an animal, and those who bring their stock to him to sell always receive the highest market prices for the same. Mr. Arrington buys and sells more horses, mules and live stock than any one other man in the county and ships the same to the Eastern markets in carload lots. There is nothing in the stock line that is too young, old, poor or good for him to pass judgment upon and buy, and if there are any of our many thousand readers of this souvenir edition who live within a trade radius of Crockett who have anything in the way of horses, mules, etc., to dispose of, they will find no one who will give them a fairer, squarer deal than will this gentleman. His business career in our midst has been one of hustle and enterprise, and he has prominently stamped himself as a man whose word is law when it comes to passing upon the value of any animal. And not only that, but he has never been known to make a wrong statement with the expectation or intention of getting the best of his patrons in a sale, trade or purchase. Such honest, conscientious business men are a boon to any town, and Mr. Arrington is to be congratulated upon his extreme popularity and standing in our midst.

As a citizen, Mr. Arrington has been conspicuously prominent in the pushing to success of all local movements that have been started for the betterment of Crockett and vicinity, and the Courier would not be doing right did it not give him a prominent position in our anti-mall order and immigration edition in defense of Crockett and her important industries.

perous, pushing and forging to the front—ever up to the minute. Conservatively estimated, we have a population of 4,000 energetic citizens, and it is not saying too much to state that there is not a more beautiful, healthy, pleasant and profitable city in which to live and a good locality to grow up in.

### MODERN CONVENIENCES.

There is, perhaps, not another like-sized town in the state that possesses a more liberal financial element, or whose business men and citizens display a greater degree of confidence and faith in the future growth and stability of this, their "home town." Money is being expended freely for public improvements, and our merchants take pride in putting their surplus money into the purchase of some of our fine vacant lots, of which, however, there are very few, as they have been going fast of recent date, or in the erection of a modern business structure or a nice home.

### A GOOD PLACE TO LOCATE.

It is with no little pleasure that the author calls the attention of the reader to the many unusual advantages possessed by Crockett as a place of residence for all classes. Unlike most Southern towns, it resembles, far more, an Eastern or Northern one, where thrift, enterprise and hustle is to be seen on every hand. The business portion of the town never appears dull to the observer, while for up-to-date buildings of every description we have not visited a like-sized town during our four years' sojourn in the state where business men and citizens display more of an ambition to have their town one of which they might feel proud to boast. Creditable business blocks and other modern built structures occupy the principal streets, while a tour through the residence portion of the town will expose to view elegant and home like residences, surrounded by well-kept lawns and supplied throughout with every modern convenience necessary to making home life pleasant and agreeable.

## LEFFLER & DAVIS

Those Popular and Enterprising Merchants Who Believe in Giving the People the Worth of Their Money.

As there are more than the ordinary number of dealers in general merchandise in Lovelady, it is but just and proper that those who have proved exceptionally progressive and up-to-date should be given special mention in an edition of this character. And those who have taken the pains to compare, can not but admit that the gentlemen whose names head this article are to be placed in this popular class, for there has been no time since they established their present enterprise in Lovelady that they have not kept in stock the best makes and grades of goods in all departments, and sold the same at low and satisfactory prices. And when is added to these good qualities that of being courteous and obliging at all times, using their every effort to make all patrons feel at home when visiting their store, it stands to reason that they are deserving of the confidence and patronage of the people.

Leffler & Davis carry a fine line of general merchandise goods, including dry goods, shoes, clothing, groceries, etc., secured from first hands, for cash, which enables them to quote prices far below the average small merchant who has to get his stock in small quantities, and, in most cases, buys the same on credit, which means that he must pay more for what he buys. They are also sole agents in Lovelady for the celebrated "Peter's Diamond Special Shoes," which are giving such good satisfaction by all who have tried them, and other standard made goods.

Messrs. Leffler & Davis enjoy an extensive country trade, their patrons coming from all parts of the county for many miles around. The farmers find in this store a place whereat to sell their country produce, as well as hides, eggs, etc. Bee raisers also find in this store a ready sale for their beeswax and honey.

Among the successful business men and energetic citizens of Lovelady none have done more to make their home town up-to-date and popular. They are always to the front in promoting all local interests, never hesitating to give their liberal financial support toward their success. The Courier is pleased to give them popular mention in our anti-mall order edition and place their store in the front rank of Lovelady's most prominent and successful mercantile establishments.

## W. W. LaRUE

One of Houston County's Most Popular Pioneer Citizens Who Has But Recently Entered the Mercantile Field of Our City.

Among the business men of Lovelady who have entered the mercantile field within the past year or so—yes, within the county the past twenty years—there are none more extensively known throughout the town and county than is the gentleman of whom we now write, Mr. W. W. LaRue. Mr. LaRue is one of Houston County's pioneers, he having lived in this vicinity since 1852, with the exception of two years that he spent in Houston. Mr. LaRue owns two stores in this section of the state, one here in Lovelady, that he established last November, and one at Sunshine, which has been established for some time.

Mr. LaRue deals exclusively in staple and fancy groceries. He makes it a point to buy the best in all lines, and the flour, candies, canned goods, teas, coffees, spices, fruits, vegetables, farm produce, and the many other articles usually carried by a first-class grocery house, are to be found at this store in abundance, and all fresh and wholesome, conforming in every way with the pure food law.

Mr. LaRue is an old and venerable citizen and merchant of Houston County, and is liked and respected by all who know him. He is one of those wide-awake, ambitious merchants who believes in treating the people right and giving them the full worth of their money. He is always courteous and obliging and those who have come in contact with him have nothing but the best wishes for his success in our midst.

## E. MAINER & SONS

Prominent Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, General Merchandise, Farm Tools, Undertaking Supplies, Etc.

The citizens of Lovelady and vicinity have good cause to boast of the exceptionally extensive and up-to-date business concerns to be found in their little city, stores that are equal in every way to the like establishments found in the larger cities. And it is owing to this fact that the Courier wishes to call to the attention of those citizens a store that is deserving of their liberal patronage and extreme confidence. The metropolitan trade emporium of E. Mainer & Sons, where is to be found one of the most complete stocks of dry goods, dress goods, clothing, shoes, groceries and general merchandise to be found in the county.

This enterprise has been established in our city for a number of years, it having been formerly conducted under the firm name of "Mainer & Monday," the present firm taking control of the same in 1902, since which time the business has been on a steady increase, the result, no doubt, of bringing to the establishment two of the most energetic merchants, with extensive financial backing, and an exceptional degree of hustle, for it may be justly said that there has never been a business concern in our city that has forged to the front more rapidly and successfully than has that of E. Mainer & Sons, whose past eight years of merchandising in our city has placed their store in the very front rank of Houston County's most popular and successful mercantile establishments.

The building occupied is large and commodious, being practically two stores in one, the grocery department being 50x90 feet in size, while the dry goods department is 36x90 feet, the two storerooms being connected by an arch in the front and rear. There is also a second story in which is kept a fine stock of furniture. Taken as a whole, this may be justly recognized as one of Lovelady's largest mercantile establishments.

A full and complete line of burial cases and robes are also carried, and funerals are attended to in a strictly up-to-date manner.

Messrs. C. M. and J. R. Mainer are proud of the town in which they live and have gained no little prestige and public comment by the able manner in which they have helped to push it to the front. They have been prominent in the building up of the town's progress and standing as a trade center, and the Courier would be neglecting its duty did it not give them special mention in our souvenir edition.

## CLARENCE HART CONTRACTOR & BUILDER

There is always room on top in any calling for those who understand their business and who are industrious, energetic and take a pride in their work. Mr. Clarence Hart is such a man. He has made a reputation as a contractor of which he may justly feel proud, and has won the confidence and esteem of all for whom he has done work. He has built most of Lovelady's handsome homes and business houses. Among the buildings he has erected in the city may be mentioned Dr. W. B. Collins' and Mr. Lang Smith's elegant homes, Mr. Rich's store, the First National Bank and the beautiful and artistic Baptist church. There is no kind of building, either large or small, that Mr. Hart can not build, and he is prepared to furnish estimates on any class of work. He employs a number of men and the wages he pays out are a main factor in the town's prosperity. He has practically built the town and is the leading contractor in Lovelady. At the present time he has a number of houses under construction and to be built in the near future.

Mr. Hart was born and raised in Lovelady and has been actively engaged as a contractor and builder for the past six years and his services are in constant demand.

The Courier is pleased to give Mr. Hart the prominent mention he deserves in a review of Lovelady and her leading men of affairs.

## LOVELADY.

guine expectation. The beets raised were 2 1-2 to 4 1-2 pounds in size and contained a far greater per cent of sugar than the beets raised in the sugar beet districts of the North. Under another head in this edition will be given the analysis furnished from the largest northern beet sugar factory. This industry, when started, will make Houston County land worth \$100.00 per acre.

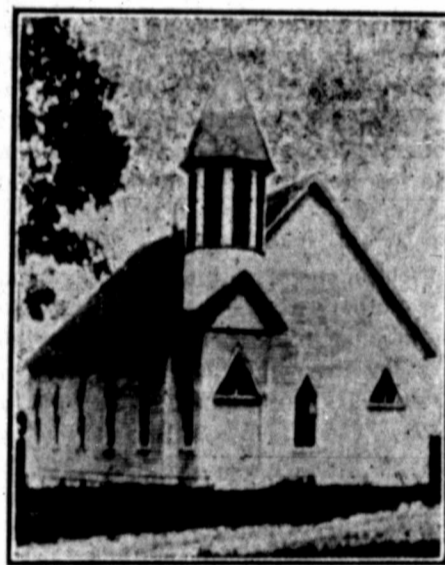
In conclusion, we will say that there is no better part of Texas than Houston County, and there is no better trading point and desirable place of residence for the size than Lovelady. There are 14 buildings under construction or about to be built and on every side is seen prosperity and contentment.

## THEO. NOWICKI

One of Lovelady's Newest Merchants Who Promises to Meet With No Little Success and Popularity, As He Is Selling All Goods at Right Prices.

There is nothing to be appreciated by the citizens of a live and growing town like Lovelady than to see merchants come here from the larger cities and establish themselves in business, especially if they have acquired a knowledge of the business sufficient to give the people the right kind of goods at the right kind of prices, such as is the case with the gentleman whose name heads this brief sketch, Mr. Theo. Nowicki. Mr. Nowicki came to our town about two months ago from Crockett, the county seat, and established a grocery and hardware business that is fast becoming popular with the local trade. The store occupied is 25x90 feet in dimensions, and the stock of goods is artistically arranged so that visitors can see and inspect what they wish to buy with little trouble. Every day new goods are being added and the trade increases. A fine line of ladies', children's and gents' slippers has recently been put in. Hardware of every kind and description, tinware, queensware, etc., are all carried and all sold at a very low and reasonable price.

In the assortment of groceries to be found here, the people of Lovelady and vicinity will find almost anything wished for, and be assured that all goods conform, in every way, with the pure food law. The stock is new and fresh and sold at prices that cannot be even duplicated by the mail order houses. In fact, many of Mr. Nowicki's best patrons are among those who used to buy their groceries from these

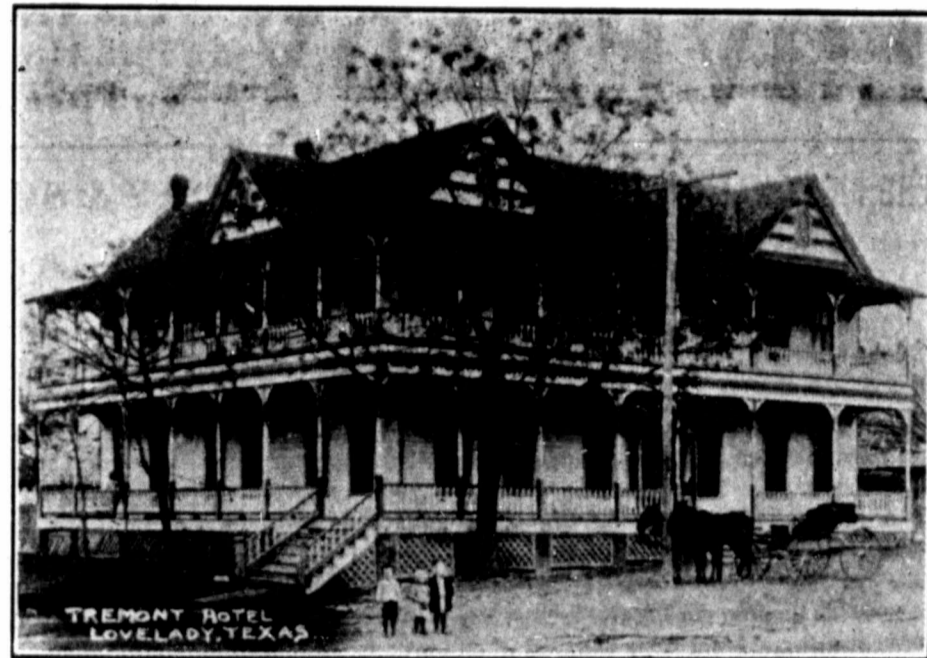


Presbyterian Church

foreign concerns prior to his coming into our midst and convincing them, through honest comparison, that he could sell them better goods for less money.

In the hardware department Mr. Nowicki has put in a fine up-to-date diversified line of useful goods and will constantly increase his stock of hardware as the business justifies.

Mr. Nowicki is a friend of the Courier and we have watched his past career in our midst with pleasure. That he will prove a good merchant in his new establishment goes without saying, and we feel justified in saying that the citizens of Lovelady will never regret his having come among them, not alone as a business man, but also as a citizen who takes pride in pushing the town in which he lives to the front. We are pleased to give him prominent mention in our history of the town and wish him much success in his new store.



Tremont Hotel, Frank Denton, Prop.

## FRANK DENTON

One of Lovelady's Progressive and Successful Grocers and Dealers in General Merchandise and a Popular Citizen.

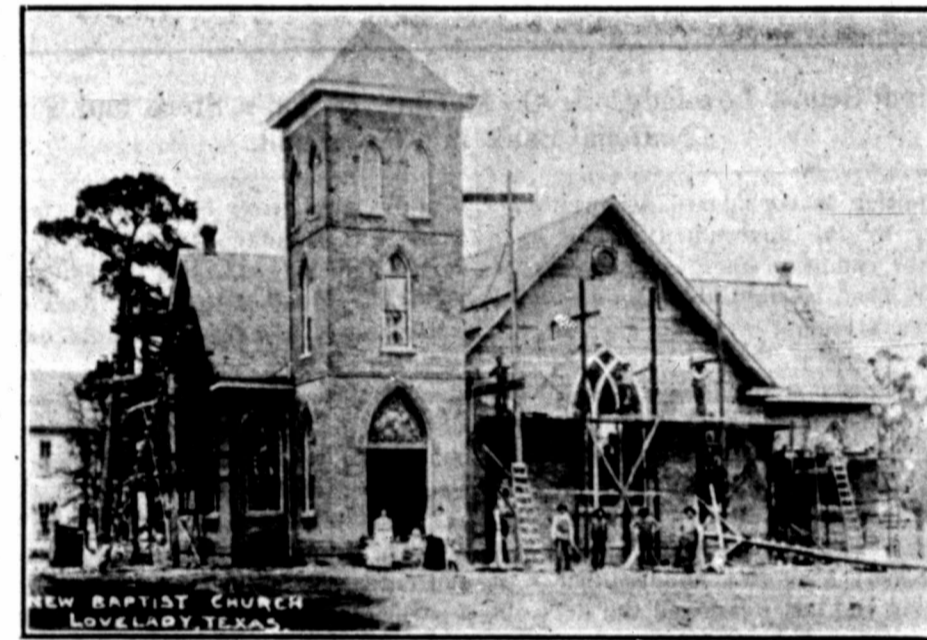
Popular among the merchants of Lovelady who have won distinction and success in a short length of time, may be mentioned Mr. Frank Denton, dealer in groceries and general merchandise. Mr. Denton has lived in and around Lovelady for the past twenty-five years and has a host of friends and acquaintances who have become his patrons since establishing his enterprise in our midst. His success and popularity in the business world of Lovelady, gained in a few months

## TREMONT HOTEL FRANK DENTON, PROP'R.

Frank Denton, Proprietor. Rates \$2.00 Per Day. Commercial Trade a Specialty.

While engaged in the preparation of the write-up of Lovelady we have made our home under the hospitable roof of the Tremont Hotel, a popular and first-class house in every particular. The Tremont has been the leading hotel of Lovelady ever since its erection. It is located on the East side of the track, less than a minute's walk from the postoffice, banks and business houses.

It has 15 nicely furnished, well lighted and ventilated guest rooms. There is a comfortable office and commodious



New Baptist Church, Lovelady, Erected at a Cost of \$5,000

time, is but another true example of what an honest life will bring forth in the end. His energetic, ambitious life in the past, which has won for him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact, has been the means of his many friends coming to his rescue since he has established himself in business amongst them, and there are but few who are not counted among his best customers. In fact, it is safe to say, that there is not a like concern in Lovelady that is enjoying a better or more satisfactory business. The stock of staple and fancy groceries carried is strictly up-to-date in all lines, while the assortment of general merchandise is one of the most extensive in the county. Mr. Denton is a man of family, and both his charming wife, his children and himself are highly esteemed by all who know them. That Lovelady is much

better for having them in our midst goes without saying, and it is hoped that they will feel disposed to remain with us for many years to come. The Courier is pleased to give Mr. Frank Denton and his efficient family prominent mention in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry, and congratulate them on their popularity and success.



J. O. Monday's Residence

# LOVELADY

The Trading Center and Clearing House For the South Portion of Houston County  
The Home of Handsome Schools and Churches, Modern Extensive Business Houses  
and Beautiful Residences. The Place for Home Seekers and Land Investors

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK CAPITAL \$25,000

One of the Leading and Most Popular Financial Institutions in Houston County.

The national banks of the country have established themselves upon the soundest financial basis and have gained a just popularity among the most conservative depositors and investors. This fact is no doubt due to the able manner in which the government is now handling the national banking system. The efficient and painstaking care with which Lawrence O. Murray has conducted the affairs of the comptroller's office, and the ability and honesty of his official assistants, has brought the national banks of the country up to such a perfection that today there is practically not a national bank in all the United States whose



Street Scene, Lovelady, J. O. Monday & Son's Store and First National Bank in Foreground.

condition is considered as unsatisfactory by the government. This is a better condition than could have possibly been brought about by any guarantee system.

A Houston County bank, whose heavy reserve and honest and conservative management, that brought from the assistants of the comptroller's office favorable comment and notice, was the First National Bank of Lovelady. The business of this bank has increased over two hundred per cent during the last year, and the deposits have jumped from \$15,000.00 to \$70,000.00 in the same length of time. The bank has a capital of \$25,000.

There is no transaction too small to receive the bank's courteous consideration, or too large to be handled judiciously by its management.

The bank is equipped with modern facilities for safeguarding its funds from fire, theft, etc., such as a fire-proof vault, Mosely's screw door, burglar-proof safe, with time lock, etc. It is a member of the State Bankers' Association and carries an ample burglar insurance in the very best companies in the world.

There is no sounder, safer or more popularly conducted bank in the state of Texas today than the First National Bank of Lovelady. And none more worthy of the confidence and patronage of the people. The directorate is composed of some of the best citizens of this vicinity.

The officers of the bank are: J. O. Monday, president; W. W. West, vice president, and W. C. Page, cashier. These gentlemen are business men and financiers of ability, whose connection with any enterprise is a sure guarantee of its success and reliability. They are leading men of affairs who have conducted their bank on a liberal, though conservative policy from the start. They have always made an effort to give support and encouragement to all local enterprises, whenever it did not conflict with sound and safe banking, and, as a result, the First National Bank of Lovelady has gained in popularity and standing each year, until today it is numbered among the best banks of its class in the state. Since its inception it has always stood as a champion of Lovelady and Houston County, and has been one of the main factors in the town's growth and prosperity; and it is with pleasure that the Courier gives it and its worthy officers the prominent mention they deserve in any review of the progress made by this county during the past three years.

## J. O. MONDAY & SON

Dealers in Groceries and General Merchandise, Undertaker's Supplies, Farm Implements a Specialty. A Leading and Popular Trade Emporium.

The Courier now has under consideration one of the prominent business houses of Houston County. We have watched the career of Mr. J. O. Monday and his son, H. B. Monday, with pleasure. There is no more popular business firm in this section, and their large trade emporium is considered headquarters for everything in the line of groceries, dry goods, dress goods, notions, shoes, clothing, furnishings and undertaking supplies, together with a full and complete line of farm implements, etc., all of which are sold at prices that defy the competition of mail order and catalog houses. The

firm are also heavy buyers of cotton.

Mr. J. O. Monday established in business in Lovelady thirty-three years ago. He is president of the First National Bank and is a man of splendid qualities, socially, financially and as a merchant, and has established a reputation, during his long career of merchandising at Lovelady, as a man of strong personality, and one who can and does bring the trend of trade to his establishment. Active, aggressive and enterprising, he has always taken a strong stand for the town and its interests, and has shown that he can be depended upon to do what is right to help along any movement looking to civic advancement. His son, H. B. Monday, is a "chip off the old block," and is a wide-awake, young business man, with ambition and hustle. This 2 Aiken Special Waschke is one of the largest, strongest and most popular mercantile firms in Lovelady.

They have demonstrated their ability to meet the demands of their trade and as a result enjoy a large and ever growing patronage from all classes and sections. They own the large two-story brick block in which the First National Bank and their store is located. Their sales room is 30x110 feet in size, the two floors being used for the display of their extensive and varied stock. There are also several warehouses. It takes five people in the store to handle the trade, every customer receiving prompt attention. This firm has one price for all that is within the bounds of safety, and they treat all alike with extreme consideration and courtesy, and the Courier is pleased to note their success and popularity in its review of Houston County and its institutions.

## KENNEDY BROS.

Merchants of Enterprise and Hustle Who Have Built Up a Splendid Business By Treating the People Right.

There is no line of mercantile trade that demands its exponents be more men of integrity, ambition and sagacity, than does that of general merchandise, for this is a business in which one must be a good judge of the many different kinds of goods, as well as their worth, if they would prove successful in the buying and selling of the same. Among the general merchandise firms in Lovelady that have forged to the front rapidly and success-

## LOVELADY

A simple and carefully studied statement of facts relative to the development and progress of the trade and commerce of Lovelady, is the author's apology. What is new is hardly historical, and this work is not a history. It is intended to represent the town of Lovelady as it is today, giving space to salient features chiefly, and modestly pointing to what seems feasible conjectures as to the future prosperity of the town. Lovelady is on the I. & G. N. R. R., twelve miles south of the County seat, one hundred miles north of Houston, two hundred miles southeast of Dallas. It has a population of 1,200 progressive, energetic, wide-awake people. It supports four churches, two banks and one of the finest schools to be found in this section of the state. There is a large saw mill, employing over a hundred and fifty people, several cotton gins, in the town and vicinity, large stock yards from which are shipped cattle, hogs, etc., and a number of business houses, blacksmith and wagon shops. Its splendid school, which ranks with any in the country, being graded and equipped for most efficient work. Among the records of the Comptroller of Schools no school has a better reputation for the number and character of the teachers and the efficiency of their work. Lovelady is the center of trade for a large surrounding agricultural region. Thrift and energy are noted on every hand. The handsome homes of its happy people are varied in structure and appearance, giving that diversity so pleasing to the eye. They are all surrounded by well-kept grounds. The business houses are brick and frame structures, while the stocks are as large, fine and as tastefully arranged as those in much more pretentious towns. On account of unusually lower rents and taxes, the prices are considerably lower than in other places, while the style, quality and finish of the goods are surpassed nowhere. Life and property are secure in Lovelady and values are well established and maintained. And with good, healthy, delightful climate, eligible location as to drainage, railroad, telegraph and telephone facilities with all the world, educational, religious and many other advantages, make all conditions of life in Lovelady exceptionally pleasant. No city or town of its size and location is more deserving of commendation for its enterprise and thrift than Lovelady. The town and its business men are prosperous and a large trade is enjoyed from the surrounding country. During the last two years over 3,750 tons of coal have been shipped from this point, taken from mines within the vicinity of the town; while the lumber shipments have run into the hundreds of thousands, all of which has come from the Lovelady mill of the West Lumber Company. The shipment of cotton last year from this point was 6,000 bales, and the shipment of live stock amounted to 20 cars for the year. The land around Lovelady is as productive as any in Houston County. Water is gotten from 20 to 60 feet in and around the town and the location of this vicinity is very healthy, there being only two deaths within a trade radius of the town having a population of 3,000 within the last twelve months. During the last year an experiment was made in growing sugar beets. Several people, among whom may be mentioned Mr. C. G. Leffler, one of Lovelady's most popular and successful merchants, planted a number of sugar beets on their farms and the results were very successful, far beyond their most san-

fully is that of the Kennedy Brothers.

Though these gentlemen entered the mercantile field of the city surrounded by several other like concerns, some of which have been located here for a number of years, and built up for themselves a good trade, as well as gained the popularity of the people, and made a success, Kennedy Brothers were but a short time in winning for their honest efforts a very pleasing business and extensive trade. They are business men of considerable experience in the buying and selling of general merchandise, and they are recognized by even their local competitors to be among the best judges of this class of goods in

## C. R. RICH

Lovelady's Popular Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Farm Implements, Etc.

Among the business concerns of Lovelady there are none that stand out more conspicuous as up-to-date, metropolitan concerns than does that owned and controlled by Mr. C. R. Rich. Mr. Rich has been engaged in the mercantile trade in Lovelady for the past nine years, and he has built up one of the most extensive trades in general merchandise, dry goods, clothing, groceries, etc., in the county. His assortment of goods are exceptionally up-to-date, and the prices prevailing throughout the entire establishment are very reasonable.

Mr. Rich occupies his own building 36x90 feet in size, with an upper story,

## J. D. FREEMAN

That Popular and Progressive Real Estate Man Who Has Done Much To Make Our Town and County Up-to-date and Progressive.

There is good reason for the statement that no men in any town do more to build up their home community and make it popular with home seekers and investors, than those dealing in real estate. And when the local real estate dealer makes himself conspicuous by pushing the realty interests in his own locality in preference to all others, though he may have good land for sale in all parts of the country, such as Mr. J. D. Freeman has done in Lovelady, he should receive the hearty praise of every well-mean-



Street Scene, Lovelady, C. R. Rich Building in the Foreground

in which are arranged several fine living rooms. He also has two commodious warehouses, one 20x20 feet and the other 30x60.

In addition to carrying an extensive stock of general merchandise goods, clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, etc., Mr. Rich is an extensive dealer in plows and wagons, buys cotton and enjoys a good country trade, the farmers around Lovelady coming to this store to do their trading and bring their farm produce, for which Mr. Rich always pays them the highest market prices, either in cash or trade.

Mr. Rich is ably assisted in conducting his extensive business by his son, H. C. Rich, who has proved himself to be a young business man of more than ordinary enterprise and hustle. He was born and raised in Houston County and has a host of friends, both in the town and the country. He has all the characteristics of his amiable father and is on the road to duplicate his success in the merchandising field. Both Mr. Rich and his son are popular with all classes and are rated among Lovelady's most substantial men of affairs, who have made every legitimate effort to make their establishment one of which the citizens of the town and vicinity might patronize with the assurance of receiving the best of goods at the most reasonable and satisfactory prices.

They are firm champions of their home town, and never hesitate to join with all other enterprising citizens in promoting its material interests, whenever the opportunity affords. That they are deserving of prominent mention in our history of Houston County and her foremost business men goes without saying, and the Courier joins with every well-meaning citizen of Lovelady in wishing them a long and prosperous future and a continued popularity and success.

Their assortment of general merchandise, dry goods, dress goods, clothing, ladies' and gents' furnishings, etc., is strictly up-to-date in every particular, and contains the latest styles and patterns in all departments, while the prices charged defy the competition of the mail order houses.

A feature of this firm's success and popularity among the citizens of Lovelady and vicinity, is the extremely low figures at which all goods are sold. The Kennedy Brothers are one of the few enterprising business firms that are satisfied with quick sales and small profits. The buying public find

ing citizen. Mr. Freeman is a native of this county, having been born and raised here, and there are few men, if any, who have been more successful in winning the confidence and good will of the people, or who are better posted on land values. His business and private life in our midst has been one of honesty and perseverance, and since establishing his present real estate business in Lovelady he has been very successful. Mr. Freeman deals in East Texas property exclusively. He has a very extensive list of town, farm and ranch lands, and is in a position to please the most particular home-seeker or investor who may desire to invest in any real estate in this section of the state. Mr. Freeman is perfectly familiar with East Texas land and is in a position to give the best advice to homeseekers and investors. Since he began buying and selling real estate in Lovelady, he has met with considerable success, and has sold, perhaps, as many dollars worth of land in this vicinity as any other real estate firm in the county. He has been one of the main factors in our recent rapid development and has been the means of bringing many settlers to Houston County and East Texas.

There is no question but that Mr. Freeman is one of the "live wires" of our little city, and he has won many friends and patrons by the ready and willing manner in which he has helped to push the town to the front. He has great faith in Lovelady, and desires to see the town grow and prosper. It is this class of business men and loyal citizens that go far toward making any town up-to-date and progressive, and the Courier is pleased to give Mr. Freeman due mention in our special edition setting forth the advantages possessed by Houston County.

in their store a place where a dollar will buy more goods than in average establishments of this kind.

The building occupied by the Kennedy firm is 25x100 feet in size, with a wareroom 30x40 feet, where they keep their surplus stock. The members of the firm are: J. J. and E. K. Kennedy, and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, their mother. They are all enterprising citizens, as well as ambitious as business people, and Lovelady has been made a better trade center by their presence here. They are to be congratulated on their success in the mercantile field of the city and we predict for them continued success and prosperity.

## T. J. DAWES

Our Popular and Efficient Postmaster Whose Able Work in This Important Office Has Proved More Than Successful.

There is no official position which necessitates that its occupant be more a man of sterling worth and integrity than does that of postmaster, and we are proud to state that in Mr. T. J. Dawes, Crockett has one of the most able and efficient postmasters our city has ever had. He has displayed a degree of enterprise and hustle that has caused no little public comment and notice, always giving the patrons of the office his earnest attention and best services. When we consider that the position of postmaster is one which is filled by appointment of the president, endorsed by the citizens of the town in which that person resides, it goes without saying that to be appointed to this important official position one's past life must have been clean and trustworthy. And that Mr. Dawes' past, private and business life in our midst, has been all of that, no one who knows him and watched his career, cannot but admit. Since being appointed to and taking up the various duties attached to this important office, Mr. Dawes has more than won the confidence of the citizens of Crockett and vicinity. His work has proved exceptionally efficient and he has given unbounded satisfaction.

Mr. Dawes has been our postmaster for the past twelve years, having been first appointed by President McKinley. This is, at present, a third class office, but it is soon to be made second class, thanks to Postmaster Dawes' good work, ably assisted by our enterprising citizens who are gradually pushing the town to the front. The receipts of this office are all that could be wished for, and are rapidly increasing. The receipts of the last month, which is but a fair average, being over \$900. The office has six rural routes, and the office force consists of Postmaster Dawes, one assistant and two clerks. As the remuneration of a third class office is very small, at its best, we are pleased to learn that the salaries of the postmaster and clerks are soon to be raised.

Mr. Dawes is a man of family, being the father of seven children, all of whom are living. He is ably assisted in the postoffice by his daughter, Gladys. She is a most efficient and courteous assistant and is very popular in the younger social set of the city. Mr. Dawes is a native of Hamilton county, Ill., though he has been a resident of Texas for years. He owns a handsome home here in Crockett and takes a pardonable degree of pride in the growth and advancement of Houston county and its flourishing towns, and does all in his power to add to the general prosperity and success of this community.

## WM. M. PATTON

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Chill Tonic in the other. The success of Crockett and Houston County is due to such men as Mr. Patton has proven himself to be. He has developed one of the largest and most important wholesale and retail grocery and feed businesses in the city. He buys his groceries, feedstuffs, cement, lime, oil, salt, sugar, etc., in carload lots, for cash, direct from the leading jobbers, manufacturers and producers. He thus secures all the cash discounts, which enables him to sell his goods cheaper than the mail order houses or smaller local competitors. He has a large and ever increasing retail and jobbing trade, built up by honest business methods, good goods and low and reasonable prices, and the Courier is pleased to note his success and give him prominent mention in its history of Crockett and Houston County.

In addition to the above extensive business, Mr. Patton owns a nicely furnished 18-room hotel ready for a landlord to step right into and operate. This hotel is for sale, exchange or rent. It will be exchanged for property in the North, East, West or South, or will be sold cheap for cash. This is one of the best hotel bargains in the South today. The hotel located on the main street of the town, the first hotel coming from the depot. It is well known to the traveling public and has always borne a favorable reputation.

## O. PETERSON

Our Pioneer Contractor and Builder Who Has Done Much to Make This a City of Beautiful Homes.

The building interests of any city is one of recognized importance, and the successful contractor and builder must, of necessity, be a man of experience and sound judgment, for upon him rest the responsibility of faithfully carrying out the plans and specifications of structures costing thousands of dollars. In Crockett a man who has been prominently identified with the building trade for the past 25 years, and one who has made a name and reputation for himself as a successful contractor and builder, is our fellow citizen, Mr. O. Peterson. During the period in which this gentleman has been engaged in this work in our city he has erected hundreds of fine residences and business houses in the city proper, to say nothing of the many houses and barns he has erected for the farmers for many miles around. A feature of this gentleman's popularity and success during the many years in which he has been doing contracting and carpenter work in this city and vicinity, is the fact that he has never failed to bring to successful completion any contract, however large, with which he has been entrusted. In all of his work he is a man who is guided by long experience, as well as theoretical knowledge of the best principles of modern building, so far as this can be done in conformity with the plans and specifications. He has a high reputation for performing all work, not only to the letter; but in the spirit of the contract. In his shop he has all the facilities for turning out all kinds of repair work, screens, and fine interior finishings, etc. Mr. Peterson employs eight to twelve men the year round, and he is prepared to furnish estimates and plans for any kind of a building, no matter how large or how small. He has built a large portion of the houses in Crockett and he is the oldest contractor and builder in the county. Among the fine public buildings he has erected may be mentioned the M. E. and Presbyterian churches, Dan and Will McLean's fine homes, the residence of F. Edison and the home of our honorable city mayor, Mr. C. Edison. Mr. Peterson has been in Crockett for over twenty-five years, and there are none of our citizens who are more worthy of distinction in an edition of this kind. He is a man who takes personal pride in keeping the wheel of prosperity constantly revolving in the trade circles of his home town and the Courier has nothing but the best wishes for his future success and popularity.

## JOHN C. MILLAR

Merchant Tailor and Gents' Furnishings. A Popular Resort For Good Dressers

This gentleman caters to those who like a stylish, well made suit of clothes and like to get them at a reasonable price. Mr. Millar carries a large and diversified line of samples and display lengths, together with one of the finest stocks of gents' furnishings, including stylish ties, shirts, underwear, hosiery, etc., that has been brought to Lovelady, all of which is sold at prices that defy competition.

A department devoted to cleaning, pressing and repairing is presided over by competent and experienced tailors, and all work is turned out in a prompt and satisfactory manner. Those desiring to have their wardrobe looked after by the year can do so and in making this arrangement they will find it more reasonable than by having their clothes cleaned and pressed by the job.

Mr. Millar is an expert at measuring and describing the human form, as he is artistic and has a finely developed sense of effects. All suits made from his descriptions always fit perfectly. They are made by the highest priced tailors for style, finish and workmanship can not be excelled. The clothing has just a little trifle more exclusiveness than most others know how to put into a suit; this makes garments coming from Mr. Millar's establishment desired by the "wise ones." There is no tailor who keeps abreast of the times or watches closer the changing styles and fashions, and, as a result, he is well informed as to all the latest modes and novelties pertaining to artistic tailoring. The Courier is pleased to call the attention of its readers to this tailoring establishment and recommend it to all who wish the latest in tailoring.

## THE COUNTY SEAT

That a conscientious review of the town's past and present progress brings to public view a residence center second to no town of its class in this section of the state there is no doubt whatever, and we trust that this article will be the means of inducing many of our readers who are looking for a better location to investigate the popularity and progress of our little city and make up their mind to come and be one of us.

### AS A TRADE CENTER.

As a trade center this popular city is the "Hub," so to speak, from which spokes grow out, embracing a large agricultural territory. The farmers and other citizens of this locality have learned that a dollar will buy more goods here than in larger cities where the expenses of doing business are, in many cases, twice as great. Owing to low rent, low freight rates and low expenses of doing business, coupled with the exceptional amount of practical experience and the unusual ability of our merchants to secure the best goods from the most reliable manufacturers at the lowest marginal prices, they are in a position to give their patrons bargains that cannot be equalled. To the farmer, especially, this city offers the best market there is for everything raised by the farmer and truck grower. Products of every kind bring the highest market price, and there is always sale for them. Different from most towns wherein the merchant refuses to take any chances on over-stocking his store with country produce, our merchants not only make it a point to accept all produce brought to them, but they have created a market for the same by gaining the confidence and patronage of the eastern packers and wholesalers who have representatives here who are prepared to accept all farm produce offered them for which they always pay the highest market prices. Our merchants have secured the trade of the farmers for many miles around by their enterprise, hustle and honest business methods. They also make it a point to treat all patrons with courtesy and respect and give them in return for their products, either in cash or trade, the best possible prices. It is not exaggerating to state that no city in this section attracts so large a trade nor can no city of like size boast of more up-to-date, metropolitan mercantile institutions, especially in the retail trade. These stores are a credit to the town and are justly deserving the extensive patronage enjoyed, while in elegance and variety of stock carried, the convenience of interior arrangements and the politeness and attention given all visitors, they commend themselves to all patrons.

There are no like number of merchants in the state more deserving of the commendation and good will of the entire public for the able and careful manner in which they have met the competition of the mail order and catalogue houses than are the merchants right here in our little city. Our business men have always been enterprising and progressive, undaunted in their efforts to maintain and increase their trade, and they have met, and, to a large extent, defeated the competition of these foreign concerns. If there are any of our citizens who are at the present time patronizing the mail order and catalogue houses, it is because they have never compared the goods and prices of these out-of-town concerns with those of our home merchants. Every separate and distinct line of mercantile business is represented by a public-spirited, broad-gauged, accommodating citizens of position and standing in the community who anticipate the wants of the public and keep abreast of the times by maintaining first-class establishments of metropolitan proportions, and there is no excuse whatever for any one within the reach of this city sending their money away to the mail order houses, buying their goods of the large city stores or patronizing the country peddler.

### OUR HOME

The importance of this fact is not fully realized by those who should know best. Every dollar spent in Crockett helps the city to prosper, and in turn helps the surrounding country to advance and grow. One of the menaces of the prosperity of such communities as Crockett is the effect of catalogue houses, who influence citizens to patronize them instead of their home merchants. Not only are farmers and their families invited to trade away from home, but residents of the town and business men themselves, and

## EVERETT DOUGLASS

Proprietor of One of Our Most Popular and Up-to-date Trade Emporiums Where Everything is Sold at Low Prices

To the visitors of Crockett the fact soon becomes apparent that this thriving little city possesses many responsible concerns whose able management, enterprising and extensive business operations and opportunities impart a feeling of confidence and security in its commercial life. Prominent among the many stores of this kind and a leader in its line, the Courier takes pleasure in mentioning the extensive trade emporiums of Everett Douglass. Established over 12 years ago, this house has ever held steadfast the confidence and patronage of the people who have once visited it and became a patron. Under the guidance of Mr. Douglass the affairs of this house have been conducted with perfect system and accuracy, and to the entire satisfaction of its large number of patrons. The store's list is constantly increasing and growing larger, the result of bringing to the business ample capital, combined with reliable methods and the selling of goods at reasonable and satisfactory prices. In this large and elegant store is to be found one of the most complete assortments of dry goods, dress goods, clothing, groceries and a line of general merchandise goods seldom found in a town of this size. The stock is exceptionally complete with almost an endless variety to choose from, so that the most fastidious taste can be satisfied, while the prices in all departments are so low as to defy the competition of the mail-order houses. The trade enjoyed by this gentleman has been built up by industry, enterprise and hustle. Mr. Douglass leaves no stone unturned to secure his goods in the most favorable markets, direct from jobbers and manufacturers, and he is thus enabled to sell the same at prices much lower than the small merchant whose capital and room is limited. The Courier, in its review of Crockett as trade center for the farmers in this vicinity second to no like sized town in the South, takes no little pride in giving Mr. Douglass and his popular trade emporium special mention and accord him a prominent position among our enterprising citizens who have made this town popular and up-to-date by doing all they can to make local movements that have been started for the good of the town a success.

## R. C. STOKES

A Prominent and Successful Dealer in China, Glassware, Notions, Table Cutlery, Etc. Bargains in Up-to-date Counter Goods and Gents' Furnishings.

One of the most recently established business concerns in Crockett that has rapidly won popularity and distinction as an up-to-date, metropolitan institution where the best goods are sold at the most reasonable prices, may be mentioned the store of Mr. R. C. Stokes, where is to be found an extensive stock of China, glassware, notions, table cutlery, etc., including a fine line of shelf hardware and an assortment of useful articles seldom seen in a town of this size.

While Mr. Stokes has not been conducting this store in our city but for a few months, having established the same last fall, he is no stranger to the mercantile field of Crockett, however, as he was engaged in the jewelry business for a number of years, gaining for himself a reputation for honesty, perseverance and up-to-date business methods which, no doubt, has done much toward bringing him the exceptionally long list of patrons he is now enjoying in his present enterprise. Mr. Stokes' place of business is prominently located on the North side of the public square, and it is due him to state that there is not a cleaner, neater business concern in our city. Everything in and about the store is up-to-date and shows the result of experience in the art of decorating and displaying goods to advantage. There is nothing the people appreciate in a local enterprise of this character more than to see all goods displayed in a manner so that they may be easily inspected and looked over, and this is one of the main features of this store.

Mr. Stokes is to be congratulated on having given our little city such a metropolitan business establishment and we feel safe in saying that he will be

## J. A. BRICKER

The Progressive and Up-to-date Pioneer Jeweler and Optician Who Has Been More Than Successful.

The wearing of jewelry dates back as far as history itself, and the fashion was probably in vogue long before the fact was recorded by any human pen. The desire for personal adornment has greatly increased with the advance of civilization, however, and the various ornaments used for that purpose are yearly becoming more and more diversified, both as regards the material of which they are composed, and the delicate and artistic forms they assume. And to prove successful in the jewelry business in this day and date, one must be well posted as to the above mentioned advancement in this line of trade. Our city has good reason to feel proud of the fact that we have within our borders one of the most thoroughly experienced and efficient jewelers in this part of the state, in the person of J. A. Bricker. In the enterprise conducted by this gentleman is to be found as fine an assortment of jewelry of the very latest styles and patterns as can be found in any like sized town in the South. He carries a fine line of watches, clocks, diamonds, silverware, cut glassware, chinaware and ladies' fine jewelry, among which are many specimens that are simply gems of beauty and artistic elegance—to be appreciated they must be seen. A feature of this store that commends it to the buying public is the manner in which all goods are marked in plain figures and that one price prevails to all alike. As a watchmaker and repairer, Mr. Bricker is an expert, his fine workmanship during the 14 years in which he has been conducting his present place of business in our city having won for him considerable comment and notice, to say nothing of an extensive patronage. Mr. Bricker is also an optician of exceptional efficiency and has won many friends and patrons in this line by correctly fitting their eyes and giving them much relief and comfort. He makes a specialty, in fact, of fitting glasses, and to those of our readers who may need something in this line we will say that no one can give them better satisfaction or who will make them more reasonable prices.

Among the citizens and enterprising business men of Crockett, there are none who have won more prominence as champions of home town. Mr. Bricker is one of those liberal-hearted gentlemen who never hesitates to give his consideration and financial assistance toward the success of any local movement that has been started for the betterment of Crockett and vicinity, and we are glad to give him prominence in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry.

## HARRY C. EICHELBERGER

Groceries, Soda Fountain Service, Lunches, Cider, Pop and Summer Drinks.

We now have under consideration the business establishment of Mr. Harry C. Eichelberger, where there is to be found a first-class assortment of staple and fancy groceries, soft drinks of all kinds, hot lunches, etc. There is also a fine soda fountain in this store which has become very popular with the people. Mr. Eichelberger enjoys a good trade and has won much popularity and success since establishing his present enterprise in our city about eight years ago. In the soda fountain and soft drinks department of his store, Mr. Eichelberger is enjoying such an ever increasing patronage that he is thinking very strongly of installing an "Iceless Soda Fountain" this summer to better handle his extensive trade in this line. In his grocery store he has a fine trade among both the citizens of Crockett and the surrounding country, this store being quite a favorite with the farmers, many of whom make it a point to make this store their headquarters while in town, and enjoy the fine lunches that Mr. Eichelberger serves. In conjunction with his mercantile establishment, Mr. Eichelberger conducts a photograph gallery, which is located just adjoining his store on the south. As a whole this is one of Crockett's most popular and successful business concerns, while Mr. Eichelberger is prominent as an enterprising citizen and popular business man.

considered as one of Crockett's leading merchants and popular citizens as long as he remains in our midst.

## SHIVERS & LEATHERS

One of Our Most Prominent and Up-to-Date New Business Concerns Which Promises to Prove a Success.

There is nothing more to be appreciated by the citizens of a live and growing town like Crockett than to see new merchants enter the mercantile field of our city and invest their money freely in the effort to make their enterprise a success. While we have an exceptionally large number of up-to-date business concerns for a town of this size, there is always room for "one more," as the old saying goes, provided that concern is established by men of experience and perseverance who are capable of providing the local trade with first-class goods at reasonable prices. And it is owing to this fact that we now bring to the attention of our many thousand readers of this souvenir edition the firm of Shivers & Leathers, dealers in groceries and general merchandise. To locate in our city midst other like concerns of long and established standing and win popularity and success in a few weeks' time, such as this firm has done, denotes business tact and honest methods seldom seen in the mercantile field. Though established but for about two months, these gentlemen have more than won the confidence and patronage of the people by giving them bargains in the grocery and general merchandise line surpassed by no like concern in the county. Everything in and about the store is bright, new and strictly up-to-date, the goods carried being of a choice quality; the groceries, on both shelves and counters, conforming in every way with the pure food law. In all due justice to our long established merchants, who have won distinction and success, it is due Messrs. Shivers & Leathers to say that their conscientious, energetic method of doing business has won for them the confidence and patronage of the entire public. Farmers in this vicinity find in this store a place whereat they can dispose of their farm products at the highest market prices, either in cash or trade. A full supply of foodstuffs is also carried. Both as business men and citizens it is safe to predict that Messrs. Shivers & Leathers will always be found in the front ranks of those who believe in pushing their home town to the front, and it is with pride that we give them and their up-to-date store special mention in our history of the town and county.

### J. A. MCCONNELL

Proprietor of Crockett's Popular and Up-to-Date Novelty Store, Where All Goods Are Sold at Reasonable Prices. The Motto of This Store is: "More Goods For the Same Money, The Same Goods For Less Money."

We now have under consideration one of the most unique, up-to-date and popular trade emporiums in Crockett. The novelty store owned and conducted by Mr. J. A. McConnell. Here is a business concern whereat the housewife, especially, can secure more useful articles for a little money than she has any idea of, if she has never visited this establishment and looked over the goods. Counter goods, consisting of a hundred and one different useful articles, ranging from one cent to many dollars in price; house furnishings, all of which are new and up-to-date; tinware of all kinds, shape and style; glassware, novelty goods, ladies' and gents' furnishings; hosiery, shirt waists, notions, underwear, hats, caps, clothing, millinery, etc. A specialty is made of men's pants and overalls. All the above goods are sold at prices that defy the competition of mail order houses. It is a well known fact that McConnell's novelty store will save you a little on this, much on that, and something on everything. The philosophy of the management is to put spirit into every hand-clasp, and if you have a smile, show it now, and you have a dollar spend it at McConnell's store.

Mr. McConnell established this enterprise in our city in 1904, six years ago, and it is due to his honest business methods and courteous treatment of patrons to state that there has never been a business concern in our city that has forged to the front more rapidly and successfully than this one. Pains has been taken by Mr. McConnell to stock his large store, which is 25x90 feet in size, with the most desirable makes and grades of goods in all departments, and he has won a distinc-

## MOORE & SHIVERS

One of Those Popular and Progressive Business Firms That Believe in Treating the People Right.

In giving a history of Crockett and a review of those of her business and professional people who have been chiefly instrumental in the town's material growth and progress, it is with no little pride that we give prominence to the general merchandise firm of Moore & Shivers, whose enterprising, up-to-date method of doing business has won for them the good will and patronage of the entire public. In this enterprise is to be found one of the most thoroughly metropolitan mercantile concerns in our city. Not only as to the appearance and makeup of their store, but also as to the makes and grades of goods carried and the reasonableness of the prices charged. These gentlemen have more than proved themselves to be business men of intelligence and perseverance who believe in giving the people full value for their money. Wideawake and ambitious, they make it a point to keep in stock only the latest and most stylish goods in every department, secured in large quantities direct from first hands. A method of doing business that enables them to quote prices far below the average. In this establishment is to be found a place where the citizens in both the city and country can get their dry goods and dress goods for less cost than by sending their money away from home to the mail order and catalogue houses. The store occupied is large and commodious, and ever available foot of space on both shelves and counters is filled with an assortment of up-to-date goods. That our little city is proud to boast of such enterprising, conscientious merchants goes without saying, as it has been largely through their efforts that our city has gained the prominence she has as a trade center second to no town of its size in the state. As both business men and citizens, Messrs. Moore & Shivers have won considerable popularity and prestige by the conspicuous manner in which they have given their consideration and support to any and all local movements that have been started for the betterment of their home town, and the Courier is more than pleased to accord them and their mercantile institution a prominent position in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry. They are both pioneer residents of the county, Mr. Moore having lived here for 43 years and Mr. Shivers for over 33.

tion for good goods and low prices for which he is deserving of no little commendation. As a citizen of enterprise and ambition Mr. McConnell stands in the very front ranks of those who not only feel it their duty, but take a personal pride in doing their full share toward making their home town up-to-date and progressive.

The Courier is pleased to give him prominent mention in our souvenir edition, and congratulate him for having given our city one of her most popular and successful business institutions.

### B. F. SALLAS

Whose Up-to-Date Grocery Establishment is a Pride to the Citizens of Crockett.

The steady growth of Crockett as a trade center is due in a great measure to its location, but when to this is added the men of energy, enterprise and merchants it will at once account for her substantial growth. The city is business sagacity that comprise her surrounded by a rich agricultural region and it has remained for the merchants of Crockett to provide facilities for trading, and in this respect we are pleased to say that no one has done more than has the firm of B. F. Sallas, this popular and extensive dealer in everything that pertains to first-class dry goods and groceries. Being a business man of unusual originality and perseverance, this gentleman has given our city as up-to-date and metropolitan a dry goods and grocery house as we have ever had. The stock in all lines, both as to quality, style and reasonableness in price, cannot be excelled by any of the large city stores, to say nothing of the mail order and catalogue houses. The extensive trade enjoyed at this establishment has been built up by the industry, enterprise and hustle of its promoter, who thoroughly understands every detail of his extensive business. He

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their families, are solicited to send their cash afar off to aid in building up some other community and tear down their own. Our readers who may be patrons of these foreign concerns, as well as others who have not taken the matter under earnest thought, should remember that mail order houses and large city stores do nothing for your home town. They will not buy your produce. They pay nothing toward keeping up our schools, churches, roads, etc.; pay no tax into your city or county treasury. They do not financially assist in the hundred and one other little things, such as church socials, fairs, home entertainments given for the benefit of some citizen or worthy institution in distress. You cannot in time of need ask and receive credit from them. They never have, nor never will, help the sick and unfortunate in your community. In fact, we might go on and show you in a hundred different ways why you should spend your cash at home instead of sending it to these catalogue and mail order establishments, any one of which should be sufficient to cause any well meaning citizen to patronize home institutions, to say nothing of the case that with the money in hand the merchants of Crockett will sell you goods as cheap as they can be bought elsewhere. If you will but take the time and trouble to investigate and compare, you will find that in almost every case the home-bought goods will be better than those bought of these foreign concerns. Our merchants will quote prices on goods so low that the mail order houses cannot duplicate them. But you must have the cash to command cash prices. Mail order houses demand the cash in advance and will not permit you to return the goods if not satisfactory or not as represented, something that every merchant in Crockett will do willingly. And now these few words to the citizens of Crockett who have been sending off to mail order houses for merchandise. The merchants of Crockett recognize them as competitors on some lines, but it is a matter of fact that no man, woman or child ever bought an article from any all order house, quality considered, for less money than they could have bought the same article from any merchant in Crockett, and saved the express and postage. Besides, when you buy from a mail order house you send your money away from your home town, you pay in advance. You buy from a picture and wait ten days or two weeks for the goods to arrive. Then you open your "prize box" to see what you really have to show for the money you have sent them. If it happens that you are a new customer and the goods received is of their first "baits," you tell your friends and neighbors about it—you tell everybody about it. But if you find, which is generally the case, that you have paid more, besides paying the charges, than you could have gotten the same goods right here at home, you seal your lips, put the little package under your coat and say nothing, not a word. Think these things over and when you want anything sold by the merchants of Crockett be an enterprising citizen and buy your goods of them. Any of the merchants represented in this edition will treat you right, and if they have not what you want in stock they will gladly get it for you and save you the

leaves no stone unturned to secure his goods from the most favorable markets. Purchasing for cash, and a splendid business record of more than five consecutive years, places this firm in a position to obtain the lowest marginal prices from the manufacturers and jobbers, which benefit he gives to his patrons by selling his goods at low and satisfactory prices, a feature which has gone far toward his holding large trade.

The farmers find in this store a place whereat to take their farm products as they always receive the highest market prices for the same. Mr. Sallas' many friends and patrons will, without any doubt, not only expect, but be pleased, to see him given prominence in our history of Crockett and her material resources as a trade center, a distinction which the Courier feels is justly due him.

Aside from his mercantile business, Mr. B. F. Sallas takes orders for tailor-made clothing, representing one of the best-known eastern tailoring establishments—Edward E. Strauss Company, Chicago.

## THE MURCHISON-BEASLEY DRUG CO., INC.

One of the Best and Most Extensively Patronized Drug Stores in the County—Everything Up-to-Date.

A glance at the outer appearance of the above-named drug store will pave the way to an acquaintance with one of the most popular and up-to-date pharmacies in this section of the state. An enterprise that stands out conspicuous among the business concerns of this vicinity. The stock of drugs, drug sundries, medicines, toilet articles and other numerous articles usually to be found in a well-regulated drug store is exceptionally complete and up-to-date. Since it was first established this enterprise has constantly increased in popularity and patronage until it is now recognized as a "leader" in its line. The one most important branch of the drug business, the putting up of prescriptions, is a feature of this establishment that has called for no little favorable comment and notice from the public at large. Care and pains are taken to use nothing but the purest of drugs and other ingredients that enter into the compounding of prescriptions, and as a result they have gained a reputation in this line surpassed by no pharmacists in the country. Messrs. Murchison & Beasley are both business men of unusual enterprise and hustle and they have more than won their full portion of the local trade. That our local physicians give this house a large portion of their prescription business is convincing evidence of its popularity in this important branch of the drug business. That these gentlemen have won many thanks and heartfelt congratulations from the unfortunate sick and suffering in Crockett and vicinity there is no question, for the efficient and conscientious manner in which they have compounded all prescriptions entrusted to their care. In fact, the conscientious manner in which they have conducted their entire enterprise entitles them to the good will and patronage of every citizen of Crockett and vicinity. In the upbuilding of their home town these two gentlemen have always been found to the front in pushing all beneficial local movements to success, and there is no question but their many friends and patrons will not only expect but be pleased to see them and their establishments given prominence in our souvenir edition in defense of home industry.

### T. B. SATTERWHITE

One of Crockett's Most Popular and Successful Business Men. Owner and Manager of "The Bone 'Em Collecting Agency." The Best Medium For Collecting Bad Debts.

It takes all kinds of business enterprises to make up a town's full quota of business establishments, and Crockett is not lacking in her full share. Prominent among the up-to-date business enterprises in our little city may be mentioned the popular collection agency of Mr. T. B. Satterwhite. Mr. Satterwhite has been exceptionally successful in collecting all kinds of debts, no matter how old or for how much. If there are any of our readers who have some money owing them and do not see their way clear to get it without going to law or using some other persuasive plan, they should not hesitate to place the same in Mr. Satterwhite's hands to collect for them.

Mr. Satterwhite solicits anything in the way of collections and he makes no charges unless he makes good. And not only that, but he has the reputation of making the most difficult collections at an exceptionally low and reasonable commission. He collects bills where others fail.

In addition to his extensive collection business Mr. Satterwhite is actively engaged in the buying and selling of real estate. His list of city property and farm land being extensive. No matter what a patron may want in the way of realty, Mr. Satterwhite is prepared to satisfy them, both as to location, the number of acres desired, etc. He will either sell, buy or trade. He also has a number of nice dwellings in the city, as well as farm land for rent. Mr. Satterwhite is popular with all who know him, being an enterprising citizen and a successful business man who never refuses to do all that he can to advance his home town. He has built up a large business in collecting bills, rents and in the sale of real estate, and he richly deserves his success.

## HOUSTON COUNTY LUMBER CO. P. C. PAUL, PROP'R

One of Houston County's Most Important Manufacturing Institutions.

That Houston County possesses some fine timber land from which some of our best building material is being made daily, is exemplified no more clearly than by the success of the Houston County Lumber Company, whose mills are located about nine miles south of Crockett, and five miles from the town of Paso.

This lumber concern, which is recognized as one of the most up-to-date in the South, is owned and operated by Mr. R. C. Paul, who thoroughly understands what is required of this class of institutions, and he is fast winning popularity and success.

Mr. Paul established this saw mill a little over one year ago, and while there were already other like concerns of long and popular standing in this section of the state, his honest, ambitious method of doing business soon won for his enterprise its full portion of the local trade in this line. His mill has a daily capacity of 20,000, and he has yet to be cut over 8,000,000 feet of pine timber.

Mr. Paul is one of Houston County's most energetic and loyal citizens and he has a host of friends and acquaintances in and around Crockett. In fact, he practically makes our city his headquarters and may well be classed as one of our citizens. He is a business man of exceptional hustle and enterprise and it goes without saying that the popularity and success of his mill will ever be on the increase. There is not a lumber or saw mill in this section of the state that turns out better building material than does the one he controls, and, as he sells his products at very reasonable prices, he is justly deserving of the success he has attained during the short time his concern has been established in our midst. These are the kind of establishments that go far toward making our county up-to-date and progressive, and the Courier is pleased to note the success and popularity of Mr. R. C. Paul and the Houston County Lumber Company in our history of the county.

### SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY OF HOUSTON COUNTY.

The recent discovery that the sugar beet will grow to better advantage in this county than in the northern and western portions of the United States will have a strong tendency to increase farm values here. Last season Mr. C. G. Leffler of Lovelady and others planted sugar beets and the result was so satisfactory that they will plant more this season. These beets are also good food for horses and cattle. They grow to a great size, from 2 1-2 to 4 1-2 pounds and contain a larger per cent of sugar than the same kinds of beets grown in the North. In a short time, no doubt, when the above facts become known, there will be a sugar beet factory started at some convenient point in Houston County and our farmers will have another means to add to their already fast increasing wealth.

The following letter, written by F. T. Sholet, secretary of the Continental Sugar Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, to whom some of the beets raised by Mr. Leffler were sent by Mr. W. H. Butler of Leipsic, Ohio, will show for itself.

Mr. W. H. Butler, Leipsic, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—A reply to your letter in regard to tests of Texas sugar beets has been delayed owing to the writer's absence from the city. The samples which you sent us have generally been favorable.

Sample No. 1 showed 16.6 per cent sugar, and sample No. 2 14.4 per cent, and if these beets were not fully ripe, we would consider such a showing as good results.

There is a beet-sugar factory near Brownsville, Texas, at the present time, we are informed; also that that particular part of Texas is very favorable to most crops, although why no greater progress has been made in the cultivation of the sugar beet we have not been able to learn. If we can be of any further assistance in current information in regard to the cultivation and prospects of sugar beets, shall be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,  
THE CONTINENTAL SUGAR BEET COMPANY.  
Per F. T. Sholet, Secretary.

**THE CROCKETT MEAT MARKET  
J. R. ESTES, PROP'R.**

One of the Most Thoroughly Up-to-date, Metropolitan Meat Markets to be Found in This Section of the State.

The public will always patronize clean, neat and nicely equipped stores, for the people want the best that the market affords, usually, when it comes to an article of food, and we wish to speak of the market owned and conducted by Mr. J. R. Estes, familiarly known as "The Crockett Meat Market." This gentleman is a practical butcher and his long experience in buying, killing and selling meat enables him to select the very best butcher's stock and thus give his patrons the choicest of fresh steaks, chops, etc. The shop is fitted up in a convenient manner, and sausage, bologna and all the various products

**C. G. LANSFORD**

One of Our Most Recently Established Business Concerns That Promises to Prove Successful

There is nothing more to be appreciated by the citizens of a live and growing town such as Crockett than to see new enterprises enter the business field promoted and managed by business men who understand how to conduct their respective enterprise in an up-to-date and correct manner, for every additional mercantile establishment adds just that much to the town's prestige as a financial and commercial center and, not only that, but it makes just that much more competition, and there is no question but that competition is the life of all trade. The new merchant, in these days of close competition, who can furnish the local trade with good goods at low and satisfactory prices is going to get his full

**T. W. GOOLSBEE**

One of Our Most Prominent and Successful Farriers. First-Class Work Done at Very Reasonable Prices.

In a history of this character, setting forth the many material advantages possessed by the town as a residence and trade center, it is not always the biggest stores with the many thousand dollar stocks, or the exceptionally extensive business and mechanical concerns of other kinds that are deserving of the most mention. For there are enterprises of the smaller classes that are just as essential in a town's popularity and progress as are the larger ones. And one of the most prominent in this class is that of the horse-shoer, more properly known as the "Farrier."

In Crockett we have a Farrier of more than ordinary experience and ability, in the person of Mr. T. W. Goolsbee. Mr. Goolsbee has put in the better part of his lifetime in this important work, and it is doubtful if there is another man in the county who can shoe a horse with better success than can this gentleman. In fact, since establishing his place of business in our city he has won for himself an extensive list of patrons, all of whom speak in the highest terms of him and his work. And when we add to this the fact that his prices are very reasonable considering the class of work done, it is easily to be understood why Mr. Goolsbee has made such an unusual success.

Both as a Farrier as well as a citizen, Mr. Goolsbee is highly popular with all who know him. His many friends will no doubt expect to see him given prominent mention in our history of the town, and will read this article with considerable pleasure. There is not a business concern in our city more popular and up-to-date, and we predict for it and its owner, Mr. Goolsbee, a long and continued success in our midst.

share in making Crockett up-to-date and progressive. The Courier is pleased to give him prominent mention in our special edition and join with his friends and fellow citizens in wishing him success in his new undertaking.

**B. F. CHAMBERLAIN**

One of Crockett's Most Popular and Successful Financiers and a Loyal and Progressive Citizen.

Prominent among the business men and citizens who have won popularity and distinction as men of finance and the ability to make life one of pleasure as well as success, none are more worthy of prominent mention in our history of the town and county than is B. F. Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain has resided in Houston County for the past forty-five years, and among the fifty or more prominent men of affairs whom we have met since we have been in Crockett we feel safe in stating that there are none who are more proud of their home town and who take pleasure in pushing it to the front more than is this gentleman. Mr. Chamberlain's host of friends and acquaintances would feel disappointed did they not see him placed in a prominent position among those loyal citizens who have been chiefly instrumental in making Crockett up-to-date and progressive. Mr. Chamberlain is a business man of more than ordinary hustle and perseverance. He is an extensive buyer and seller of cotton and there are few of our pioneer citizens who have been more successful in accumulating money. Being enterprising and a great believer in the future of his home town, Mr. Chamberlain has not hesitated to invest his money freely in Crockett property. He owns several of our most prominent business buildings and fine residences, including a fine brick, two-story block on the southeast corner of the square. He also owns several fine farms, a great number of livestock, in fact, he is recognized as one of the most prominent men of affairs in our city, having many thousands of dollars in our local banks, also. As a citizen none have done more to make Crockett popular and up-to-date and it is with considerable pride that the Courier gives him special mention in our souvenir edition, joining with all friends and fellow-citizens in wishing him a long and prosperous future life in our midst.

**WHITE FRONT HOUSTON BETTS**

One of Our Most Popular Business Concerns Where All Goods Are Sold At Low and Reasonable Prices.

There is nothing more important to the advancement and progress of any town or city than to have within its borders a first-class new and second-hand store where the best of new goods can be had or where those who cannot afford to purchase brand new goods can secure something in the second hand line that will answer the purpose just as well. And it is in view of this fact that the Courier wishes to call the attention of our many thousand readers of the souvenir edition to the new and second-hand furniture store owned and conducted by Houston Betts. Although this enterprise has been established in our city but a short time, it has already won the confidence and good will of all who have visited it and ascertained what bargains they could get for a little money. There is nothing in new and second hand furniture line that cannot be had at this store for a little money. One of the features of this gentleman's rapid success and popularity has been the courteous and obliging manner in which he has treated all his patrons. He endeavors to give every purchaser the full value for his money, and is always ready and willing to take old furniture in exchange as part payment on new goods. It is surprising how many useful articles can be found at this enterprise for a little cost, both in new and second-hand goods.

In the repairing department this house excels. In addition to Mr. Betts being a mechanic and furniture repairer of considerable practical experience, he is careful to employ none but capable and experienced workmen to assist him in this work, and the citizens of Crockett will find here a place where they can get anything in the way of furniture repaired and made as good as new at a very small cost.

It is with no little pleasure that we give prominence to this popular business concern and its enterprising proprietor, and accord his establishment a prominent position among the important business concerns of this city, predicting for him continued success. As a citizen he is highly esteemed by all who have become acquainted with him and he has already made many friends and patrons by the willing manner in which he has helped to push the town to the front.

**YOUNAS & FADELL**

One of Those Mercantile Firms That Have Won Success By Treating the People Right.

In all cities, large and small, there are certain houses which are leaders and whose influence in all departments of trade is such as to command respect and admiration of their contemporaries. In Crockett this distinction is justly accorded the grocery and confectionery establishment of Younas & Fadell. In no branch of the mercantile trade is there more opportunity for deception and fraud by those who are engaged in it than is that of the grocery business. And when a firm has established its honest methods, conscientious treatment of patrons and their determination to treat the people right, by giving them the best makes and grades of goods at the lowest prices, that firm should receive the hearty consideration and patronage of the public. And that the above named firm may worthily be placed with this class their ten years-of business life in our midst speaks for itself. Ambitious, enterprising, conscientious and liberal in their business methods, these two gentlemen have built up a trade equal to the best to be found in this section of the state. Nothing is too good for their patrons, and the immense stock of grocery store goods carried consists of an assortment seldom seen in a town of this size. As competitors of the mail order houses none of our merchants have been more

**C. A. BERRY, WHITE FRONT STORE**

The Right Man To Go To If You Want the Best Sewing Machines, Pianos, Organs, and All Kinds of Musical Instruments at the Most Reasonable Prices.

It takes all kinds and classes of business concerns to make up a town's full quota of mercantile establishments and, when any enterprise enters the field, surrounded by local and foreign competition of long and established standing and proves successful, it should receive the commendation and patronage of the entire public. It is in view of this fact that we desire to bring to public view, in this, our souvenir edition in defense of home industry, the enterprise owned and conducted by Mr. G. A. Berry. Considering the strides that have been made of recent years in all such goods as sewing machines, pianos, organs, etc., each manufacturer doing his best to outdo the other, it behooves the retail buyer to be careful to buy their goods from a dealer who has established his reputation for honesty and square dealing with the public. And the gentleman referred to above should be placed in this class, for his conscientious method of doing business has never been questioned. Mr. Berry's store is known as the "White Front," headquarters for sewing machines and all kinds of musical instruments. Among the pianos handled by Mr. Berry are to be found such celebrated makes as the "Chickering," "Davis & Son," "Kimball," "Crown," "Webber & Haines," all of which he keeps in stock, with twenty-two different factories to choose from besides. In fact, he is prepared to furnish patrons with any piano made. Also all makes of organs as well as pipe organs for churches. A feature of Mr. Berry's success is the fact that he buys his goods direct from the factory door, thus getting the very lowest marginal prices made to him which enables him to sell the same at exceptionally low and satisfactory prices, successfully meeting the competition of any like concern on earth, cash or credit, taking quality of goods into consideration.

Few towns this size can boast of such an up-to-date music house as this one has proved to be, and Mr. Berry is to be congratulated on his success and popularity, not alone as a business man of experience and perseverance, but as a citizen who believes in doing all he can to make his store one of which the town might well feel proud. The Courier is pleased to give Mr. Berry popular mention in our souvenir edition and wish him continued success.

successful, as they have made it a point to become thoroughly familiar with the goods and prices sent out by these foreign concerns and quote prices to the local trade much lower.

Socially and financially Messrs. Younas & Fadell are counted among the most popular. Mr. Younas has but recently entered the matrimonial field, having been joined in wedlock with one of Crockett's most charming young ladies, Miss Hazel Fadell, the daughter of his partner, Anthony Fadell. And that both he and his efficient bride were highly esteemed and extremely popular with the people in this vicinity was exemplified by the exceptionally large number of friends and relatives who came to Crockett from many miles around to see them joined in wedlock. It has been some time since Crockett has experienced such a popular wedding and Mr. and Mrs. Younas are to be congratulated upon their extreme popularity. The Courier takes no little pride in giving them prominent mention in our history of Crockett, joining with all friends in wishing them a long and happy life in our midst.



Residence of D. A. Nunn, Sr.

of the trade will be found here including sugar cured hams and all other meats of this class. Mr. Estes is an interesting and successful business man and it pleases the Courier to extend to him this notice. There is not a business man in our little city more able or better equipped, financially and otherwise, to conduct his establishment on a basis of liberality and it is doubtful if there is another meat market in the county that enjoys a more satisfactory trade. During the past five years that he has been conducting this concern in our city he has made his place of business one which the citizens of Crockett not only like to trade at, but one which they are pleased to recommend to their friends. Mr. Estes takes more than ordinary pride in serving his patrons with a class of meats of superior quality and thus make friends and patrons for his enterprise. Taken altogether, Mr. Estes' popularity and standing as both a successful business man and an enterprising citizen is one of which he may justly feel proud, and which has been won by integrity, perseverance and hustle, while his enterprise is justly classed with the foremost up-to-date, metropolitan business establishments of Crockett. While he has not been running his meat market but for about five years, Mr. Estes has resided in our city for over 15 years and there are none who have been more to the front in boosting his home town whenever the opportunity afforded, and that he is deserving of prominent mention in our special edition in defense of home industry goes without saying.

share of the business, notwithstanding, that there are several like concerns all around him of many years' popular standing. And we believe we are stating the truth when we say that the gentleman whose name heads this article, Mr. C. G. Lansford, is to be classed with the above mentioned class of merchants for, although his store has been opened to the public for but about two months, he is already enjoying a fine trade. Mr. Lansford has plenty of financial backing and he is leaving no stone unturned to secure his goods in the most favorable markets, getting the same in large quantities and paying cash for what he gets. In this way he gets the usual cash discount which he gives to his patrons by selling his goods at the very lowest marginal prices. He is a business man enough to fully realize with what he has to contend in the way of competition, and he does not intend to lose any customers, once they make a purchase of him, if he can help it.

Mr. Lansford is one of our old pioneer citizens, he having run the Lansford Hotel for a number of months, but recently sold it out, and will devote his entire time to the conducting of his new enterprise.

His method of keeping in stock "nothing that is too good for his customers" is a good feature, and signifies that there is nothing in the staple and fancy grocery line that cannot be had at his establishment for little money.

Mr. Lansford has lots of friends and his life in our midst has been one of enterprise and hustle. He is one of the firmest champions of his home town, and never refuses to do his full



Houston County Corn Growing near Crockett, Texas

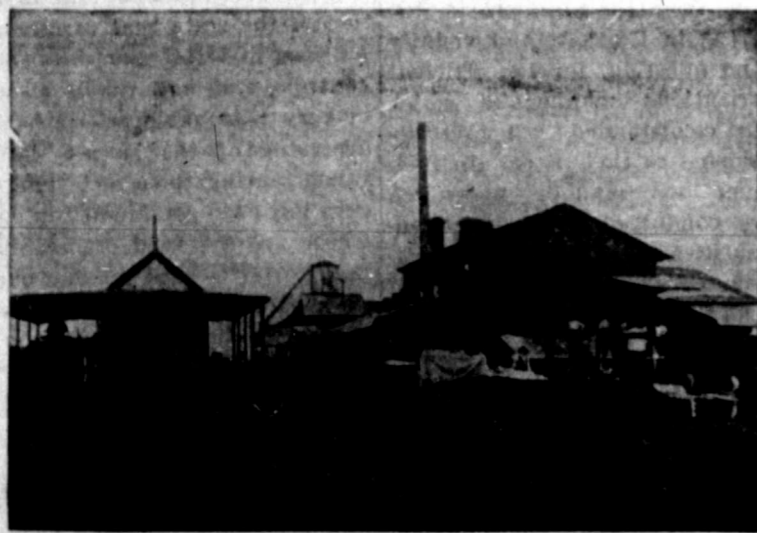


## J. F. STANDLEY

### An Enterprising Business Man Who Takes Pride in Giving the People the Worth of Their Money.

Strangers passing through or visiting our little city, as well as residents themselves, cannot but admire and remark upon the unusually large number of up-to-date, metropolitan business concerns to be found here. And one of the most conspicuous and prominent may be mentioned the gin mill owned and conducted by Mr. J. F. Standley. This concern is recognized as one of the most popular gins in this section of the state and has been established here for the past five years. The gin's patronage has been on a steady increase month by month, year by year, and though it was experiencing unusual success when the present owner took control of it about one year ago, it is due him to say that the gin has never displayed a greater degree of popularity and success than it has since he took control of it. Mr. Standley is a business man of exceptional experience and hustle, and there is no question but that his connection with this enterprise will be the means of giving our city the best cotton gin she has ever had.

The cotton raisers are fast learning that to bring their cotton to this gin means first-class service at very reasonable prices. No one knows better than the farmer how easy it is for the proprietor of a gin to be careless—even dishonest—in their methods of ginning their cotton, and when they find out that a gin man has taken the



J. F. Standley Gin, Crockett, Texas, Capacity 100 Bales per day

field and proved honest and conscientious in his business methods, as well as courteous in his treatment of all patrons, it stands to reason that they are not going to hesitate to give said gentleman their liberal patronage and recommend him to their friends. From careful observation, the Courier can truthfully say that Mr. Standley has proved his right to the confidence and patronage of the entire public and it is to be hoped that he will receive the continued success that he justly deserves. This gin has a daily capacity of 100 bales. The Courier is pleased to give Mr. Standley and his up-to-date gin prominent mention in our history of the town and predict for him continued success.

## WALTER BENNETT WEST CROCKETT

The Grocer Who Sells All Kinds of Good Things at the Most Reasonable Prices.

The grocer is the apostle of good cheer and the missionary of home comfort. Pure food and food products are essential to the health and happiness of every human being. The extensive and attractive grocery store, of which we now write, owned and conducted by Walter Bennett, is justly recognized as one of the popular and successful business establishments of Crockett. He has been, for four years past, one of the most popular merchants in our city, a distinction which he has justly won through his effort to give the local trade the very best goods at the most reasonable prices. There is nothing in the way of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, teas, coffees, spices, flour, feedstuffs, farm products, etc., that he does not carry in stock, fresh and wholesome and secured from manufacturers who guarantee their goods. To locate midst several other like concerns, and, in four years time, forge to the front until he is accorded, by the entire public, the popular distinction of being a "leader" in his line, denotes a business tact, perseverance

## W. V. McCONNELL

Proprietor of one of Crockett's up-to-date Trade Emporiums. Twenty-Six Years in Business.

In compiling this history of Crockett and in bringing to public view those business concerns that have been chiefly instrumental in the town's popular growth and progress, it is but natural that we find some enterprises that are more worthy than others, and when we do we feel that we would be doing that establishment an injustice did we not accord it the prominent position it justly deserves. And it is in view of this fact that the Courier wishes to call the attention of our readers to that popular and up-to-date trade emporium owned and conducted by Mr. W. V. McConnell, a concern that has earned the distinction of being placed in the foremost ranks of the county's most extensive and popular commercial establishments. To establish a business concern of such magnitude as is this one, and watch it grow and expand, both in popularity and patronage, for over 26 years, while other like concerns come and go, is a display of business tact, enterprise and the selling of good goods at the lowest marginal prices seldom witnessed in the mercantile field. As this edition will reach into the homes of every family within a trade radius of Crockett there is no doubt but that this article will be read by some who have not paid this extensive trade emporium a visit, and to those the Courier does not hesitate to say, that you will not find a better store at which to trade or a business man who will treat you with more courtesy and respect

than will Mr. W. V. McConnell. In dry goods, dress goods, notions, clothing, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, mattresses, etc., the assortment to be found at Mr. McConnell's store is of a superior quality and the prices prevailing in every department are exceptionally reasonable. Mr. McConnell's many years in the mercantile field have enabled him to become acquainted with the most reliable manufacturers and jobbers, and as he buys his goods in large quantities for cash, it stands to reason that he can quote prices lower than the smaller merchant. We should be neglecting our duty did we not give this gentleman and his metropolitan business establishment special mention in our Anti-Mail Order-Immigration Edition, and predict for him a prosperous future life in our midst.

and conscientious methods of which any merchant may well feel proud. And yet, it is but one more example of how easy it is to please the people and win friends in the mercantile field if one but makes up their mind to treat the people right and give them full value for their money. In these days of close competition it is the merchant who is satisfied to make a small profit and sell his goods at low and satisfactory prices that is most liable to win success.

Our little city's past and present progress as a trade center has been largely built up through the enterprising efforts of such business men as Mr. Bennett has proved himself to be. As a citizen, also, he has won no little public favor from all who have watched his career in our midst as he has always been found among those who believe in doing all they can to make their home town popular and progressive. Mr. Bennett's popular grocery store is located in what is known as "West Crockett," and enjoys a very large and satisfactory trade. Farm products and feedstuffs are also extensively dealt in and all goods are sold at very low prices, quality considered.

## THE COUNTY SEAT

charges that are always attached to mail orders. Besides, you can see the goods that you are buying, and do not have to buy a "pig in a sack." Our home merchant is not only prepared to sell you just as good goods at the same prices as the same goods can be had from the mail order houses or large city stores, but he saves you freight or express charges and he is right here at home to make good any mistakes. Yet it seems that the satisfaction of opening a "prize package" from a foreign house and the exaggerated descriptions, seen in the beautifully illustrated catalogues sent out by these concerns for that express purpose, overcomes the better judgment of sense of many people and they send their money away from home while it should be kept here to aid in building up the interests of themselves and their neighbors. The farmer, especially, should remember that the more the interests of the town close to which his farm is located increase in value, just that much more is his land worth. And by spending your money with our home merchants and thus to build up the financial interests of your home town, new interests will be attracted to Crockett, farm and city property will increase in price, and new markets will be created for farm products. New and progressive citizens and business men will come here to make their homes and establish new enterprises. If we pull together in the building up of our city, with the opportunities that are before us, there is no reason why Crockett cannot be made to grow into one of the most industrious cities in Texas. There is nothing more essential to the building up of a town than to buy everything possible at home, and the several enterprising merchants of Crockett, of whom mention is made in this special edition, are, in every way, worthy of patronage and support, as they not only give lower prices and better goods, but they are vastly more accommodating than the foreign houses that are seeking to divert the home patronage in their direction.

And now, in conclusion, we wish to say this to the distant reader who may be contemplating a change in abode. While the foregoing few remarks concerning the advantage to be derived from patronizing the home merchant, are directed to all of our readers, no matter where they may be located, who have been in the habit of sending their money away from home, including, of course, our own citizens in particular, we are pleased to state that few towns the size of Crockett have as many thoroughly up-to-date, enterprising citizens as we have. A careful investigation has proven to the entire

## WM. EARDLEY

Proprietor of That New Up-to-Date Livery Stable Where the Best in Livery Service is To Be Had Very Reasonable.

The majority of the people cannot afford or do not care to keep a horse and carriage constantly at their disposal. But whenever they indulge in the luxury of a drive, or necessity compels them to procure a turnout from the liveryman, all desire that the rig be attractive and capable of good service.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this brief sketch, Mr. Wm. Eardley, proprietor of our most recently established livery concern, is winning the confidence and good will of the people in a rapid and very satisfactory manner, the result of giving them first-class livery service at the most reasonable prices. At this up-to-date livery establishment will be found a fine assortment of single and double rigs, surreys, buggies, carriages, hacks, etc., while the horses have been selected with great care, expense being no item, Mr. Eardley having left no stone unturned to supply his enterprise with the very best livery stock obtainable. Realizing the fact that to establish a business of this character in a town where there are already other like concerns of long standing and no little popularity and make it successful he must give the people superior service, extend to them courteous treatment and make his prices reasonable. Mr. Eardley has put forth his best efforts, with the result that, though he has been conducting this enterprise in our city but for about three months, he is already receiving his full portion

## SHUPAK TAILORING CO.

An Enterprise That Stands Out Conspicuous Among the Merchant Tailoring Establishments of This Section of the State.

The improvements in modern art and manufacture are intended as contributions to the comfort, convenience and happiness of mankind. As a combined mercantile and mechanical business, merchant tailoring demands greater and more specific talent than many others. It is the one trade in which one has to study the ever varying tastes of the public, which requires the best judgment. It requires, as well, a careful study of the markets and fashions. And we do not hesitate to say that in the Shupak Tailoring Co. our citizens have access to one of the most up-to-date, efficient merchant tailoring establishments in this section of the state. We know of no one in this locality that can show a better like concern than is this one, both on account of the extensive business enjoyed and the extent and character of the stock. The suitings and trimmings are of the latest patterns, in fact, such as you would see in the leading tailoring establishments of the larger cities. Mr. Shupak is perfectly familiar with the latest makes and grades of goods, as well as the newest styles and patterns, and the writer can truthfully say that we have never seen as large and up-to-date a display of cloth to choose from in a town of this size in the entire South. There is no excuse whatever for anyone sending their money away to foreign concerns to have their clothes made when we have such a metropolitan tailoring establishment right here in our home town. The Shupak Tailoring Company has provided, beyond any question, that they are prepared to furnish the local trade with anything in the merchant tailoring line at just as reasonable prices as can be had anywhere. Every suit or garment is guaranteed to give satisfaction, and all kinds of repairing and cleaning is attended to on short notice. This company has a tailoring establishment at Lovelady as well as here, and they are enjoying a deserving patronage at both places. Mr. Shupak and his associates are all men of hustle and enterprise and have made many friends and patrons among the citizens of Crockett by the conspicuous manner in which they have done their full share in promoting the material interests of their home town. The Courier is pleased to give them prominent mention in our special edition and accord their tailoring establishment among the leading like concerns of the South.

Mr. Shupak has had considerable experience in the larger cities and has a diploma from the John J. Mitchell school of New York. His practical experience and expert knowledge has fitted him so that he can superintend his own work and supervise his whole establishment.

of the trade in this line. His success in this respect justifies the statement that is often made of recent years, that honest business methods, supplemented with a firm determination to give patrons the worth of their money, is sure to meet with deserved success in the end.

The citizens of Crockett are always glad to have such up-to-date, metropolitan business concerns located in their midst, goes without saying, and Mr. Eardley has just cause to feel proud of his success and popularity.

The Courier is more than pleased to give him and his livery establishment due mention in our history of the town and its material resources, and predict for him continued success.

## McCONNELL HARDWARE CO.

A Hardware House That Has Won the Confidence and Patronage of the Entire Public.

Among the mercantile establishments of our city none have won more prominence as up-to-date business concerns where the best goods can be bought at the most reasonable prices than have our hardware stores. And a hardware house that has, by untiring energy, perseverance and hustle on the part of its owners, succeeded in acquiring an important and increasing business among the people of Crockett and vicinity, is that owned and operat-

## F. H. HILL

One of Our Leading Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries and All Kinds of Tinware and Hardware.

The business of the grocer is, without any question, one of the most difficult to properly handle of any one branch of the mercantile field. It is one of constant activity and it is due the enterprising grocer to say that the ably conducted stores, selling goods at the lowest marginal prices, seldom, if ever, fail to win a large and satisfactory patronage. And it is in view of this fact that we now bring to the attention of our many readers Mr. F. H. Hill, one of the most prominent grocers in the county. This gentleman is always looking after the comfort and requirements of all of his customers in a manner that cannot help but please. His store is tastefully fitted up and well stocked with new, fresh goods covering the whole range of staple and fancy groceries, feedstuffs, etc. All orders are promptly filled and delivered to any part of the city, a feature of this gentleman's extreme popularity and success being the manner in which all orders sent in by telephone or messenger are promptly attended to, patrons receiving exactly what they ordered. A child may be sent to this store with the feeling of security by its parents that it will bring back the exact article sent for. The trade of the farmer is appreciated and receives Mr. Hill's best attention. He always pays the highest market price for farm products, and it is safe to state, that there is no one other merchant in our city who has been more successful in winning the respect and confidence of the farmers for many miles around the town.

Mr. Hill is a native of this county, he having been born here. For the past 59 years he has been a resident of Crockett, his experience in the mercantile field of the city beginning in 1895, fourteen years ago, since which time he has been constantly engaged in business. A history of Crockett gives us many men who have proven exceptionally proficient in the mercantile field, not the least of whom is this gentleman. While as a citizen of influence, who believes in doing his full share toward promoting and pushing to the front all worthy local movements, none have won more comment and notice than has Mr. F. H. Hill. It is with much pleasure that the Courier gives him and his establishment prominent mention in our souvenir edition and joins with all friends and patrons in wishing him continued success.

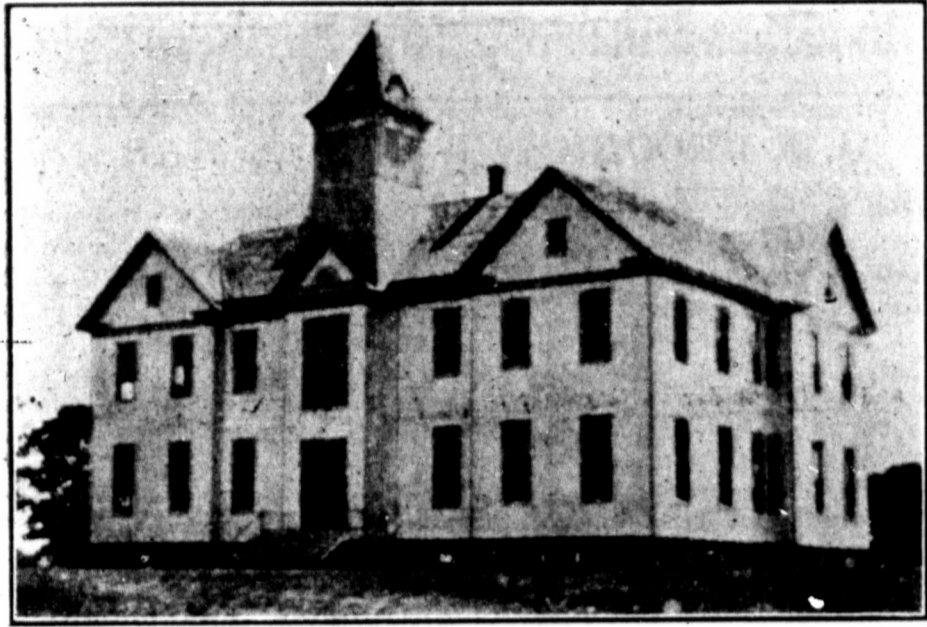
ed by the McConnell Hardware Company. This elegant store carries a large and up-to-date stock of everything that is generally found in a first-class store of this kind, such as shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, ranges, tinware, etc., and there has been no time during its 35 years of merchandising in our city in which they have not been able to successfully meet the competition of all competitors, especially the mail order and catalog houses.

In this last respect this company is entitled to no little praise as many of its best patrons were once customers of these foreign concerns, but who have learned, by comparison of goods and prices that they could save money by doing their trading at this store. Managers R. E. McConnell and Dan McConnell are of the best posted hardware men in the county, and the extensive patronage enjoyed is, no doubt, largely due to their enterprising, conscientious method of doing business.

The McConnell Hardware Company is one of our most popular pioneer concerns, it having been established over thirty-five years ago. Honest, upright dealing has characterized Mr. McConnell's business from its inception, and he has catered to the wants of the people of Crockett in a way that has won for him and his house the highest regard of the entire public.

Among the fifty or more popular business concerns of which mention is made in this souvenir edition none are deserving of more prominence than is the McConnell Hardware Company, while its managers, Mr. R. E. McConnell and Dan McConnell, may be justly placed among our most enterprising, ambitious citizens and successful business men who have won many friends and patrons by the conspicuous manner in which he has helped to push his home town to the front.





High School, Lovelady

### GEO. HAMILTON

Dealer in Fruits, Candies, Cigars, Tobacco, School Books, Novels, Ice Cream and All Kinds of Soft Drinks, Sporting Goods, Jewelry, Eastman Kodaks and Supplies.

Prominent among the business concerns of Lovelady that have forged to the front and won distinction and prestige in the business world through honest methods and the selling of good goods at low and satisfactory prices, is the confectionery and fruit store of George Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton located this store in Lovelady about three years ago, in a small, but modest way, and by keeping in stock nothing but the best and freshest of fruits, candies, cigars, tobaccos, books, periodicals, ice cream, etc., and selling the same at reasonable prices, his trade soon became so extensive that he was compelled to increase his stock, season by season, until today there is not a like institution that carries a better or more varied assortment of goods than does Mr. George Hamilton. He has a fine soda fountain in his store from which is served all the popular cold drinks. He is also agent for Edison phonographs and Eastman's kodaks and supplies and in this as in all other lines, he has a fine growing trade.

The size of the building occupied is 30x30 feet, every available foot of space of which is filled with select goods. One clerk is employed to assist. Mr. Hamilton is taking care of the extensive list of patrons that visit this popular store almost daily.

Mr. Hamilton's store is fast becoming headquarters for Edison phonographs and the latest records, as he keeps a goodly supply of phonographs and records constantly on hand and sells the same at low prices, giving patrons plenty of time in which to pay for them. Altogether, Mr. Hamilton's establishment may justly be counted among Lovelady's best and most popular business establishments and the Courier is pleased to give it a prominent position in our history of the town and county, predicting for Mr. Hamilton continued success.

### MRS. MOLLY F. M PHAILL

Restaurant and Meat Market, Bread, Meat and Lunches.

A resort that is popular with all classes and one that is a great benefit and accommodation to the people of Lovelady is the restaurant and meat market of Mrs. Molly F. McPhaill. This place has just been opened a few weeks and the high quality of the meals and lunches together with the fresh and salt meats has been the means of building up a large and increasing trade. Everything about is first class and all patrons are served in a prompt and satisfactory manner. Mrs. McPhaill employs only competent help and serves and sells only the best grade of stuff. She has proven that a woman can successfully conduct a business of considerable magnitude, and everyone has a good word for her establishment, and the Courier is pleased to add its indorsement and recommend as a first-class restaurant and meat market in its business history of Lovelady and its leading business houses.

### C. B. MOORE

Lovelady's Popular and Efficient Postmaster and Enterprising Citizen.

There are few towns in the state the size of Lovelady that can boast of as good a record concerning their postoffice and the efficient manner in which it has been conducted. To jump, or, we should say, steadily grow, owing to the efforts exerted by our citizens, supplemented by the efficient work accomplished by its worthy occupant, from a fourth to a third class office is a record of which the citizens of Lovelady have good cause to boast. Our present postmaster, C. B. Moore, has been looking after the interests of this office for a number of years past, he having first taken charge of the office under President Harrison in 1888. He was appointed to the office in 1902 by Postmaster General H. C. Payne, as the office was, at that time, fourth class. It has been raised since to third class. With the exception of two years that he was out of office, Mr. Moore has occupied this one office for twenty-two years, a record of which any man might justly feel proud. Postmaster Moore has one assistant and one clerk, both of which have done much to make the office popular with the people. There are two rural routes, looked after by one carrier. The office enjoys an excellent business, thanks to the enterprise of our citizens, who, realizing that their worthy postmaster's salary depends on the number of stamps he cancels, make it their every effort to take every letter they write to the postoffice. Mr. Moore was born and raised in Houston County, and there is not a better known or more highly esteemed gentleman in this section of the state than he is. His life in our midst has been closely interwoven with the best interests of Lovelady and Houston County, and he has done much to make the town and county progressive and popular with the people at large. We are pleased to give him special mention in our souvenir edition and wish him continued popularity and success.

### W. D. GIMON

Blacksmith and Wheelwright. Proprietor of the Most Popular and Successful Wagon and Blacksmith Shop in Lovelady.

Mr. Gimon has been a resident of Houston County for over a quarter of a century, and is well and favorably known throughout this section of the country. He has been conducting a blacksmith shop in Lovelady during the past three years, and many of his old customers come for miles to have him do their work. Mr. Gimon does all kinds of repair work, shoes horses as well as making new buggies and wagons. The vehicles at his shop are noted for their durability, fine finish and workmanship. Only the best materials are used in their construction and only the most expert hands are employed as assistants. Mr. Gimon superintends every detail of the work, and his lifetime experience as a blacksmith and wheelwright make him competent in every way to turn out only first-class work. Every job done at this shop is guaranteed and the prices charged are reasonable and fair. The Courier is pleased to mention Mr. Gimon in its history of Lovelady and Houston County and to recommend him and his shop to the many readers of this special edition.

### MONTGOMERY & LAWRENCE BANKERS

And Proprietors of One of Lovelady's Popular and Up-to-date Drug Stores, Where Everything is Sold Cheap.

It is seldom that one finds two up-to-date business concerns combined into one, metropolitan enterprises especially, in a town of this size, and in the drug store and bank owned and conducted by Messrs. Montgomery & Lawrence, here in Lovelady, the citizens and farmers in this locality have access to a concern of the above named character of which they may well feel proud. The building occupied is 27x70 feet in size, the drug store taking up the larger portion of the front part of the building, while the bank is located in the rear. The stock of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, books, stationery and wall paper is exceptionally complete, and all sold at prices that defy the competition of both local and foreign competitors, especially the mail order and catalog houses.

In fact, there are not many of the larger towns in this section that can boast of as up-to-date and successful a drug store as this one has proved to be.

In the bank conducted by Montgomery & Lawrence, our city has a financial institution that is exceptionally safe, sound and secure. The money vault is positively fire-proof, while the Mosely Screw Door Safe is one of the latest made and is burglar-proof, fire-proof and has a triple time lock. This bank has a capital of \$25,000 paid up, with plenty of ample resources. Deposits are received from merchants, farmers and individuals, the bank having, at the present time, deposits to the amount of \$27,000, an increase of 25 per cent during the last year.

Mr. K. D. Lawrence is a banker and druggist of experience and ability and gives his personal attention to all departments of the business and under his management both the bank and drug store have grown in popularity and extent until today no similar concern can boast of a larger or a better trade. Mr. Lawrence was born in Union Parish, Louisiana, and came to Texas in 1880, locating in Houston County, where he has since resided. There is no more public-spirited citizen in Houston County than is Mr. Lawrence.

He believes in the future of this section of the country and has done much to advance Lovelady and vicinity. He owns a beautiful home in the city and has a charming family, which is very popular in the leading social circles.

Mr. Lawrence also takes an active interest in educational matters and is a member of the school board. He is a prominent Mason and Knight of Pythias, being secretary of the local Masonic lodge, and keeper of the records and seals of the K. of P. lodge.

The Courier is pleased to record the success of Mr. Lawrence and note his popularity in its review of Houston County and the men that have built it up and developed it until today it is the foremost county in the state for trade and wealth.

In concluding, we will say that Mr. Lawrence's drug store is one of the well stocked stores in the county. A full line of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, druggists sundries are carried. A specialty is made of the prescriptions and a large trade in this line is enjoyed from the leading physicians and public at large.

### CITY BARBER SHOP

A tonsorial parlor that has gained a wide popularity with all classes is that of Mr. R. H. Atkinson. This shop is equipped with two chairs and every facility to turn out the best class of work. Mr. Atkinson is a barber of experience and is prepared to give his patrons a first-class hair cut or easy shave at a reasonable price. He is popular with his trade, and everyone who knows him likes him. He takes a pride in his home town, as many of his customers are owners of property here and have all their money invested in Lovelady, and he is always willing to do his share in helping to boom the town and county so as to get more people here, and the Courier is pleased to give him mention in its review of Lovelady and its institutions.



Miss Home Patronage Buys Her Cloak for \$20.00

Miss Mail Order pays express	25
Money order	15
Delay, alteration	? ! - !
Cloak	19 00

AND LOOK AT THE FIT

\$20 00

### R. T. ATKINSON

Merchant Tailor and Dealer in Gents' Furnishings. Agent for Model Laundry.

To wear good clothes, fashionably made, is the ambition of all wide-awake, successful business men, and in Lovelady such garments may be secured from R. T. Atkinson. He conducts a first-class tailoring establishment and carries a large and diversified line of samples from which the most exacting can choose what they want.

Mr. Atkinson is an expert in measuring and describing shape, carriage and form, and all suits made from his notes and measures are sure to fit and give satisfaction.

He represents the largest and best tailoring establishments in the larger cities. These houses employ their own designers, cutters and tailors at the highest salary and produce the best clothes that experience, skill and money can make. A full line of gents' furnishings, shirts, underwear, collars, etc., are carried and sold at reasonable prices. The Courier is pleased to recommend Mr. Atkinson as he is not only a successful business man, but popular and enterprising citizen as well. He makes a specialty of repairing and cleaning at a reasonable price, and in this line does a large amount of work for the best dressers in the city and county.

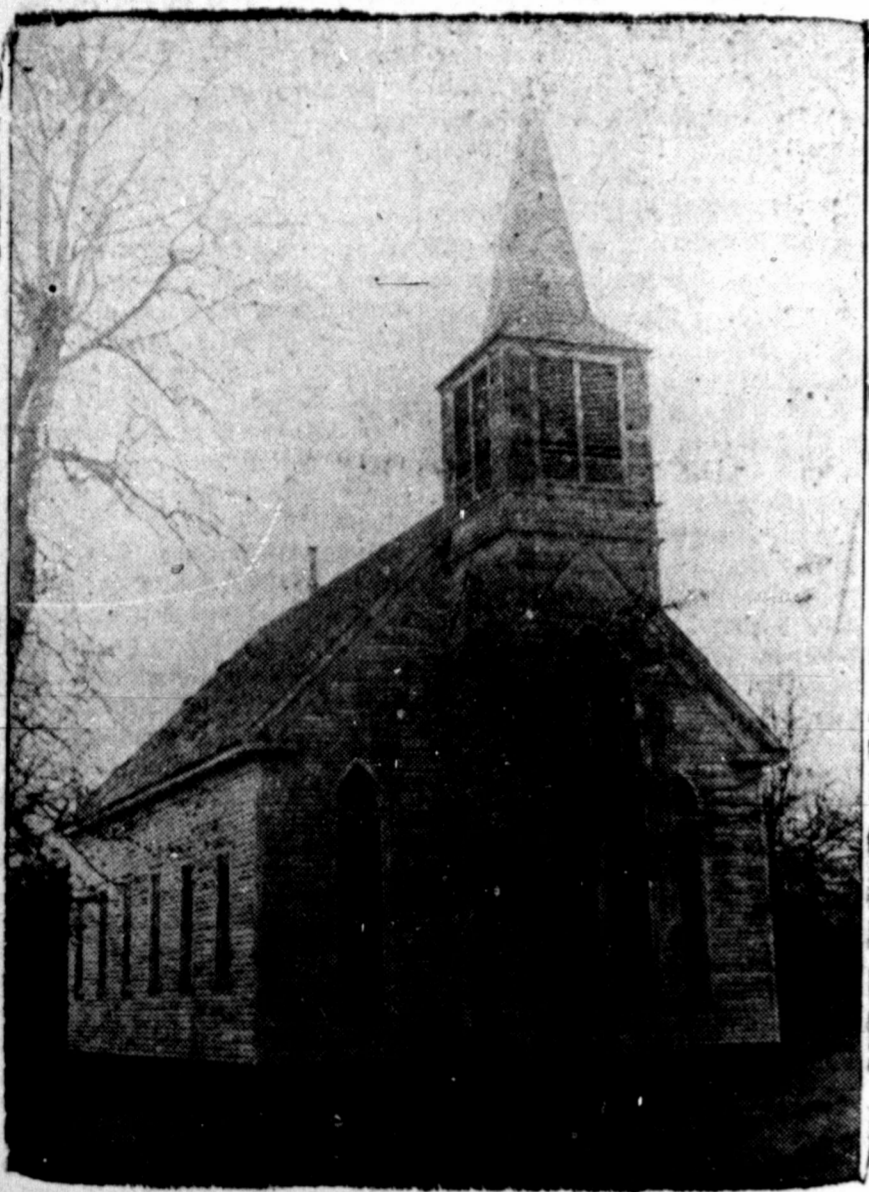
He is agent for the Model Laundry also and richly deserves his success and popularity.

### JOHN B. TURNER PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

A striking example of what enterprising and well directed energy can do is shown by the career of Jno. B. Turner, one of Lovelady's popular and successful druggists. Genial manners, correct business principles and fine, fresh drugs have built up for him a large and ever increasing trade. Mr. Turner started his drug store here five years ago. He carries a full stock of drugs, medicines, druggist sundries, stationery, toilet articles, etc., all of which are sold at prices that defy the competition of mail order houses. He also has a fine soda fountain in the store from which is dispensed all the popular summer drinks, including ice cream soda and sundaes. The prescription department is an important branch of the business and is liberally patronized by the leading physicians and the public at large. Mr. Turner is an experienced registered pharmacist and has full charge of this department. As a citizen he is progressive and believes in the future growth of Lovelady and Houston County. He has done much to make the town popular as a trade center and the Courier is pleased to note his success and popularity in the history of the growth and advancement of Lovelady.



Every order sent in an envelope to a catalogue house takes just that much away from the value of the soil of your farm



Methodist Church, Grapeland, Texas

## WHITLEY & KEELAND

**Extensive Dealers in Shelf, Stoves and Heavy Hardware, Furniture, Groceries and Feed Stuffs.**

Prominent among the houses engaged in the hardware trade in Grapeland is that of Whitley & Keeland, who occupy a strong position in the mercantile field of this city. The store is very neatly and conveniently arranged for business purposes and is completely stocked with a choice line of shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, ranges, tinware, nails, rope, mechanics' and farmers' tools of every description, blacksmiths' supplies, pocket and table cutlery, house furnishing goods, furniture, etc., including a fine line of staple and fancy groceries. In fact, there are few stores in the county that carry a more extensive assortment of goods than does this one, and it has a reputation of handling goods of a superior make, sold at prices that defy competition of mail order and catalogue houses. Messrs. Whitley & Keeland are well known throughout this vicinity and their connection with any enterprise is almost a sure guarantee of its success and reliability, and it is no surprise that their new enterprise is already experiencing a trade that extends into all parts of the town and county.

The farmers, especially, find in this house a place where the best in hardware, furniture, groceries, etc., is to be found at the most reasonable prices, while Messrs. Whitley & Keeland deal extensively in feedstuffs, and they are always willing to buy all feedstuff and other farm products that are brought to their store, paying the highest market prices for the same.

Those who have lived in Grapeland for several years and have watched the town grow admit that they have never seen a new concern that has jumped into prominence and success as quickly and conspicuously as has Messrs. Whitley & Keeland. It simply goes to show that honest business methods, combined with good goods at right prices, is sure to win success in the mercantile field. The Courier joins with every well-meaning citizen of Grapeland in congratulating Messrs. Whitley & Keeland on their popularity and success with their new enterprises and predict for them continued prosperity.

## SHEARS AND SAWBUCK

Shears and Sawbucks kept a store Such as never was before. City folks they wouldn't sell, Wouldn't let 'em have a smell. Fetched their money—but by jing, Couldn't buy a blessing thing! Couldn't meet 'em face to face An' then sell 'em with good grace.

Country trade was what they sought, Folks who'd pay for what they bought 'Fore they saw it, hide or tail They sent catalogues by mail Out to ev'ry blessed one Gettin' Mail at Possum Run. We set up at night and read When we'd order been to bed.

Book was about as big as sin— Had a lot of pictures in, And a lot of merchandise, Every kind and every size— Givin' prices that they swore Knocked out every country store. Looked so straight and seemed so true I bit at it—Jim did, too.

Jim's my neighbor cross the way— Best man ever worked in hay. Just let him top off a stack— Sheds rain like a turtle's back. Pleasure jest to see him work; Never know ol' Jim to shirk;



Christian Church, Grapeland, Texas

## A. S. PORTER

**Grapeland's Enterprising and Efficient Prescription Druggist and One of Our Popular and Loyal Citizens.**

There is no man in any town or city who is more deserving of the thanks and heartfelt praise of those who have been sick and who have had to seek relief from the outside of their own home, than is the local druggist, for it has been through him that those prescriptions that have proved so successful in relieving those severe pains, and, in not a few cases, saved the patient from death itself.

A good, conscientious, experienced prescription druggist is everybody's friend, and should receive the gratitude of every citizen. And we have just such a druggist right here in Grapeland, in the person of Mr. A. S. Porter. Aside from his extensive prescription business, Mr. Porter carries in stock an exceptionally large assortment of drug store goods. In fact, a visit to the spacious and superbly stocked drug store of A. S. Porter will satisfy anyone that here is conducted one of the prosperous enterprises of this city. This store is filled to the roof, almost, with a stock of pure drugs, medicines, toilet articles, books, stationery, paints, oils, wall paper, and in fact everything that is usually found in any first-class, up-to-date store of this character, including a fine soda fountain from which all the soft beverages are served.

The prescription department of this establishment is fitted up in perfect style, and the ingredients used are always fresh and of the very best quality.

Mr. Porter has been conducting his present concern about five years by himself, he having bought out the interest controlled by Mr. Carlton, his former partner, with whom he was connected for some four years. And while the enterprise was always popular with the local trade, it is due Mr. Porter to state that it has never experienced the popularity and success that it has since he took personal control of the same.

As a citizen Mr. Porter is progressive and enterprising, and he always takes an active interest in building up and advancing the town whenever he can do so conscientiously, and the Courier is pleased to give him prominent mention in our anti-mail order immigration edition.

Swings a scythe like war play— Love to watch him in the way.

Well, we like a pair of fools Sent off—got some hayin' tools. Jim got harness and a plow, I, a range—I see it now; Drat the thing, it was so light Used it for a torch at night; Throw'd the darn thing in the yard Use it now for rendering lard.

'Fore Jim used the plow an hour Found the blame thing wouldn't scour; Tried his harness—broke a tug— Sought for solace in his jug. In the cooler all that night Jim reflected on his plight; In the morning, Richard Stout, Hardware Merchant, bailed him out.

Jim said after that he'd stick Close as bark to good ol' Dick, Since he left the Possum jail Says he won't buy goods by mail. Says Dick's cheaper, anyhow— Might have saved some on the plow. On the other goods some more At his ol' friend's hardware store.

Jim says, "We can't sell no truck To sich folks as Shears-Sawbuck, They'll take all our cash away, But won't buy our corn or hay." That seems purty strange to me. So I told ol' Jim I'd see— So I wrote to them that night Jist to see if Jim was right.

Ast 'em "What they'd pay for oats? Could they use some likely shoats? And about four tons of hay I could ship them right away. Could I furnish Mr. Shears With his family roasting ears? Also would my friend Sawbuck Buy some of my garden truck,

Answer came one summer day, Said they "Couldn't use our hay, Couldn't use our oats or shoats, Didn't like our billy goats. When they needed truck to eat, Bought it down on Water street—

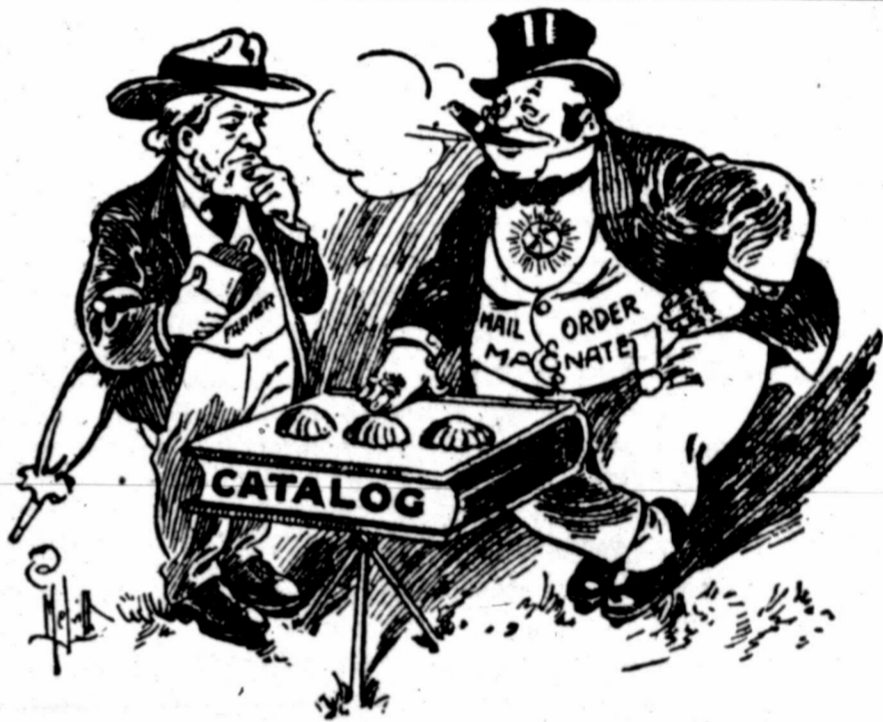


A Picture That Tells the Story

Sorry, but they must refuse Anything but cash to use."

"Hate to trouble you again, I sat down and wrote 'em then, But I want to thank you, sirs,

For your bunch of cockle burrs. If you love your fellow man, While our merchant sweetly sleeps Do him, good sirs, when you can— Shears and Sawbuck shears your sheep."



It's a Shell Game—You Pay Your Money Without Knowing What You Are Going to Get.

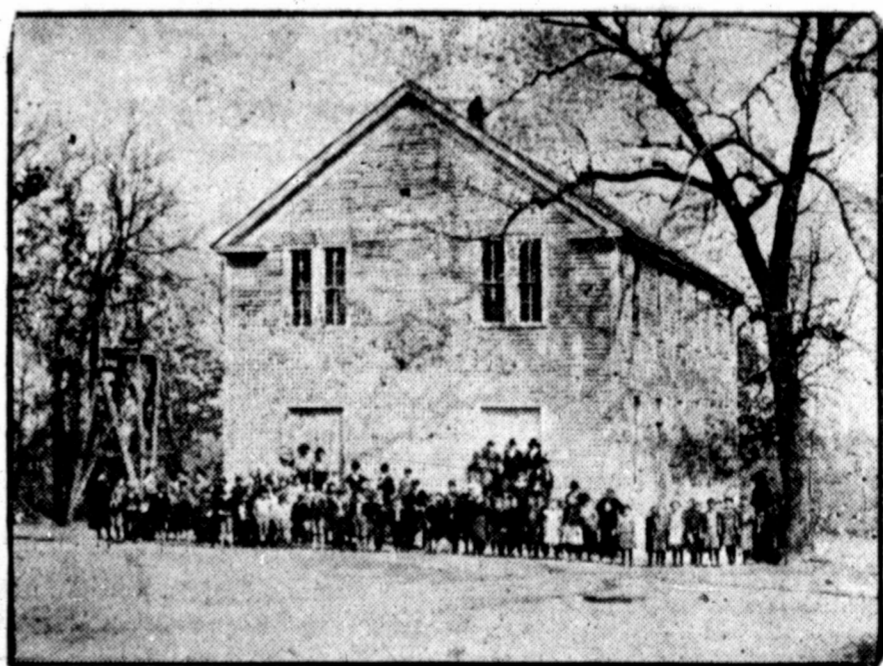
## KENNARD CITY AND RATCLIFF

**Two Prosperous Towns of Houston County.**

Kennard City is located eighteen miles east of Crockett, the county seat, at the terminus of the Eastern Texas Railroad, a branch of the Cotton Belt Route, running thirty miles west from Lufkin, Texas. The Louisiana and Texas Lumber Company have one of the largest lumber mills in the south located three miles east of Kennard City.

This mill employs over 500 men and ships about 300 cars of lumber a month. There is a large commissary at the mill and a number of stores just east of it at Ratcliff. These stores, with those at Kennard City, furnish a fine trading point for the mill hands and farmers at this point. Considerable cotton is bought there. One thousand bales were shipped last for a new location that it would be season. Eight hundred bales were bought and shipped by Daniel & Burton, one of the large business firms. The population of Kennard City, the

mill and Ratcliff is composed of 1,500 industrious people, a number of whom work in and about the mill. There is a school at Kennard City, one of the finest in East Texas, and also a school at the mill, with an enrollment of over 500 pupils. There is a state bank at Ratcliff and four churches in the two towns of Kennard and Ratcliff. The latter town is thirty miles east of Lufkin and three miles east of Kennard City, on the same branch of the Cotton Belt Railroad. The mill and these two towns constitute a thriving, growing and prosperous community. The farm land around is being developed, is advancing in value and a number of new people are coming in. The Courier can say to those hunting for a new location that it would be well for them not to overlook Kennard City and Ratcliff, as these towns and community offer some rare bargains to homeseekers and investors.



One of the School Buildings, Grapeland, Texas

## W. H. LIVELY

Grapeland's popular and up-to-date Merchant who sells Goods at Low and Reasonable Prices.

There is no like sized town in the state where its citizens seem to take more pride in their business enterprises than they do in Grapeland. There is not an up-to-date mercantile concern in the town that the people do not take pride in talking about and recommending to their friends. And a store of this character that is receiving an exceptionally large portion of this local praise and commendation is that owned and conducted by Mr. W. H. Lively. Mr. Lively conducts one of the most prominent dry goods and grocery establishments to be found in the county. He is a man who has had considerable practical experience in the buying and selling of merchandise of this character, and he has a knack of being able to tell just what the local trade wants in his line, with the result that he always keeps his shelves and counters filled with choice goods of every style and pattern. While Mr. Lively did not enter the mercantile field of our little city until about one year ago, he has made it a point to keep only the best goods and to sell the same at the most reasonable and satisfactory prices. He is already recognized as one of the strongest competitors of the mall order and catalogue houses in the county, many who were patrons of those foreign concerns before his advent here now being his best customers, as they have compared both goods and prices and have found out that they can even save money by buying their dry goods and groceries of Mr. Lively. In fact, there is scarcely anything in the way of dry goods, groceries and general merchandise that cannot be found on the shelves and counters of this up-to-date store, while the prices in all departments are exceptionally reasonable.

Mr. Lively is a native of Houston county and his past life in our midst has been one of unusual honesty and enterprise, a fact which, no doubt, accounts to a vast extent to his popularity and success in his present undertaking. He is one of Grapeland's most popular men of affairs who takes pride in pushing his home town to the front, and the Courier is pleased to give him prominent mention in our history of the county.

## THE BON TON CREAM PARLOR J. N. GUICE, PROP'R.

The Place To Go For the Best in Ice Cream, Candies, Confectioneries, Fruits and Fancy Mixed Drinks.

Every town likes to boast of its metropolitan business concerns; those enterprises that stand out conspicuous as places where the people take more than the ordinary pleasure in patronizing on account of their up-to-date, clean and inviting appearances. And there is no one enterprise in Grapeland which is more justly to be placed among this class of concerns than is that of J. N. Guice, popularly known as "The Bon-Ton Ice Cream Parlor." The citizens of Grapeland have found in this enter-

## NEW GRAPELAND, E. J. CASHMAN, PROPRIETOR

Grapeland's Leading Hotel Where all Guests are Treated with Courtesy and Respect.

There is nothing of more importance to the popularity and standing of any town than to have located within its borders a first-class hotel, where the traveling man and visitors to it can find comfort and good service while stopping in town. Nor is there any public concern that can do more to advertise the town in which it is located, for its patrons are generally people who are in town for only a day, or part of a day, and when they leave they will, of course, tell their friends and the people whom they meet how they like the hotel at which they stopped.

We are pleased to say that Grapeland has one of the most popular, up-to-date hotels in this section of the state, in that now being conducted by Mr. E. J. Cashman, popularly known as the "New Grapeland." Mr. Cashman is an old experienced hotel man and he understands just what the people want in the way of hotel service. Since he has had control of the New Grapeland he has built up a reputation for the house that means much to the town. In this house a hostelry where they receive excellent service. The rooms are all kept neat and clean, while no pains or expense is spared by Mr. Cashman to put up a meal that cannot help but prove satisfactory, even at the present high price of foodstuffs. Taken as a whole, the New Grapeland, under Mr. Cashman's control and supervision, can be counted among the best hotels in this part of the state, and justly deserves the extensive patronage enjoyed. In our review of Grapeland and her material resources we feel that prominent mention is due Mr. E. J. Cashman and his up-to-date hostelry, while as a citizen of enterprise he deserves to be placed among those who have done their full share to push their home town to the front.

prise a place where they can get the best ice cream as well as all kinds of confectionery, fresh fruits, fancy mixed drinks and delicacies of every description at the most reasonable prices. In fact, the exceptionally low prices at which all goods at this place have been sold has been one of the main features of its success and popularity.

This enterprise was first established by Mr. Mark Anthony, Mr. Guice having taken control of the same last January the first. And while it has always been popular with the local trade, it has never experienced more success and prominence than it has during the past few months that Mr. Guice has had control of it. There is a fine soda fountain in connection, from which is dispensed all of the popular summer soft drinks. For neatness, bright appearance and cleanliness this place stands out conspicuous. The ice cream manufactured by Mr. Guice is of a superior quality, and is much sought after, not only by the citizens of Grapeland, but by the neighboring towns and cities, there being hundreds of gallons shipped out every week during the summer season.

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor may justly be classed with out most prominent business establishments, while its proprietor, Mr. J. N. Guice, is to be congratulated for having given our little city such a metropolitan enterprise.

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gregations, presided over by efficient pastors.

The soil surrounding Grapeland is rich, and crops grow here in abundance. Butter, chickens and eggs flourish here in great abundance, while peas are shipped out by the carload, from 7 to 8 carloads being sent to the Northern and Eastern markets every spring. They always bring a good price, being worth \$1.85 per bushel at the present time.

There are a number of up-to-date business concerns here, including mills, gins, etc. New buildings are constantly being erected, there being a fine Baptist church and a new brick block under construction at the present time, besides two new stores that are being put up by Mr. Brooks. Fourteen new buildings have been erected during the past twelve months.

In speaking of the soil that surrounds our little city, we omitted to state that it is of a fine, sandy loam, just adapted for the raising of fine cotton and corn, as well as well as being splendid for truck farming. And with all that, improved land can be bought within two miles of Grapeland for \$10.00 per acre, while unimproved land can be had for \$6.00.

The city has fine water, is situated so that its drainage facilities are of the very best, and everything suitable for a home town where its residents can enjoy life.

There are two good sawmills located near the town, one four miles southwest of town and the other about seven miles southeast. Lumber can be had very cheap, building is done reasonable, and there are few, if any, towns of like size in the state that are better arranged for good residence places.

Good roads are now being exploited by the enterprising citizens, business men and farmers, and four miles of fine clay roads have been built during the past two years at an expense of \$2,000. This feature will not be let up on until Grapeland is surrounded with good roads for many miles in each direction.

We might go ahead and enumerate hundreds of good things to be found in and around Grapeland, but as the lack of space forbids, we will simply add that if the reader contemplates a change in their present location and desires to reside in one of the best all round small towns in the state of Texas, all we can say is, for you to come to Grapeland. The people here will welcome you heartily, and assist you in buying a home in the town or a farm adjoining, which ever you prefer. And we feel justified in saying that you will never regret your choice in changing from your present place of residence to Grapeland and Houston County.

## J. W. CASKEY

Grapeland's Prominent and Efficient Barber Whose Tonsorial Work Has Proved to be Far Above the Average.

Among the up-to-date, metropolitan business enterprises of Grapeland, there are none that stand out more prominent than does the barber shop of Mr. J. W. Caskey. While it supports but two chairs, everything about the place is neat and clean, the sanitary conditions being far above the average. Mr. Caskey is careful to keep all of his tools, razors and shears in good, sterilized order, which makes his shop one that can be patronized with a certainty that patrons will receive first-class tonsorial work of all kinds. Mr. Caskey established this enterprise in Grapeland about six years ago, and his honest, conscientious methods of doing business, coupled with a kind and courteous disposition, has won for him a very extensive trade. He runs his place on the plan that nothing is too good for his patrons, and it is safe to state that there is not a better or more experienced barber in the county today.

We are pleased to place his enterprise among Grapeland's popular and successful business concerns, and accord him a prominent position among our energetic and persevering business men and loyal citizens who have helped to make the town up-to-date and progressive.

## KENNEDY BROS.

One of Those Highly Esteemed Mercantile Firms That Believe in Treating the People Right, Fair and Square.

There is nothing more to be appreciated by the citizens of a live and growing town like Grapeland than to see new business firms enter the mercantile field and prove successful. And especially is this so when that firm gains this success in a short time, such as has been the case with the firm whose name heads this article, Messrs. Kennedy & Kennedy, better known as the "Kennedy Brothers." There is room in Grapeland for many up-to-date mercantile concerns and it is to be hoped that others as good as that owned and conducted by the Kennedy Brothers will find a location here in the near future. Being business men of considerable foresight, enterprise and practical experience, Messrs. Kennedy carefully looked over the ground here in Grapeland a little over one year ago, and although there were what would seem to the casual observer plenty of general merchandise establishments in our city at that time, they did not hesitate to enter the field as they thought they saw an opportunity for another up-to-date concern of this character. That they judged correctly is exemplified by the extensive business which they have built up during the short year's time they have been located here. The Kennedy Brothers are just the kind of hustling business men that are needed in a live and growing town like Grapeland. Despite the fact that there are larger towns near here where there are many first-class mercantile concerns, these gentlemen have carefully studied the local market, ascertained the class of goods carried and the prices that were being quoted by their big city competitors and have made it a point to stock their large store with just as good goods and to sell the same at just as low, and in many cases lower prices, than any of their competitors, thus bringing to this market many good patrons that used to patronize the stores in neighboring towns. In addition to the stock of mercantile goods, these gentlemen handle an extensive display of wagons, buggies and farm implements, while a feature is made of their grocery stock, which is one of the most complete in the county.

Few merchants have risen to prominence and influence in so short a time as have the Kennedy Brothers, and the Courier is pleased to join with all friends and patrons in congratulating them on their exceptional success and popularity.

## DAVIS & MURCHISON

Are Prepared to Furnish Prospective Real Estate Investors With Some Rare Bargains on Short Notice.

We now have under consideration two of Grapeland's most prominent pioneer citizens and successful business men who have more than won the confidence and good will of the people by the honest, conscientious manner in which they have transacted all business entrusted to their care. During the past 55 and 56 years, respectively, that Mr. Davis and Mr. Murchison have resided in Houston County they have built up an enviable record for honesty and integrity in any business with which they have been connected, while as citizens of ambition and enterprise, who believe in improving the conditions of their home town whenever the opportunity affords, none have won more commendation from the general public.

Davis & Murchison have a fine list of city property and farm land for sale or trade, and the reader will not find a more reliable firm with which to do business, as their record for honest business dealings with the public is one to be proud of.

Mr. J. A. Davis is also justice of the peace and is thoroughly conversant with both the city, county and state laws, his success in this important legal work having brought him no little popularity and success.

Taken as a whole, Messrs. Davis & Murchison may be justly counted among the enterprising and successful business men of Grapeland, while as citizens who believe in promoting the material interests of their home town none have won more friends and patrons by their conspicuous display of ambition in behalf of Grapeland and Houston County.

## F. A. FARIS & SON

Extensive Dealers in Everything That Pertains to General Merchandise, Groceries and Farm Implements.

There are fewer commercial enterprises affording a capacity for a wider range of more extended scope of operations than houses representing a general line of merchandise goods. The qualifications necessary to successfully handle a business of this character must be far more reaching than is needed in ordinary business, so its successful exponents must be classed among the most skillful merchants.

Prominent among this important class of merchants in Grapeland may be mentioned the firm of F. A. Faris & Son, who conduct, successfully, one of the most popular and extensive stores of this kind in the county. During their business career in our midst these gentlemen have been one of the most reputable, conscientious and reliable business firms we have ever had in our city, and one of the foremost in carrying a more than ordinarily select and varied stock, and who have a well-known reputation for correct judgment in buying, which is one of the principal features of success in the mercantile business. For one must know how, when and where to buy the best goods at the most reasonable prices before they can expect to make a success in the selling of general merchandise. This firm's course has been such that the rich and the poor alike can patronize them with confidence. Faris & Son's store is one of the most attractive in the place and its management is exceptionally marked for completeness, style of goods and arrangement of the entire stock so that patrons may inspect what they wish to buy at a moment's notice, and, in many cases, they do not have to wait even that long. They carry a very extensive and diversified stock of general merchandise, groceries, farm supplies, etc., while the prices quoted cannot but please the most particular.

Both Mr. F. A. Faris, as well as his son, Odell, who has but recently joined his father in the conducting of this popular enterprise, are among our most prominent men of affairs and enterprising citizens who have won the good will of the entire public by the conspicuous manner in which they have helped to make their home town up-to-date and progressive, and they are to be congratulated on their success.

## W. R. WHERRY

One of Those Wide Awake Merchants Who Believes in Selling His Goods at the Lowest Marginal Prices.

There is no one line of the mercantile trade that is patronized more extensively by the general public, the rich, the poor, the young and the old, than is that of the grocery trade. For every one must eat, and it is this class of enterprises that carry eatable goods. So a grocery store, to be successful, must be popular with the child as well as with grown up folks. Among the grocery stores of Grapeland that may justly be said to have won the confidence of all classes is that owned and conducted by Mr. W. R. Wherry. During the past three years that Mr. Wherry has been conducting this enterprise in our city he has built up a trade that the oldest established like concerns might envy. The manner in which he has stocked his large store with the most desirable goods and marked the same at prices that the average merchant would claim as being beyond all reason, supplemented with a courteous, obliging disposition, has won for him one of the most satisfactory grocery trade in the county. This is not all he sells by any means, as he also keeps in stock a fine assortment of dry goods and notions, as well as some hardware. Mr. Wherry has good cause to feel proud of his mercantile success in our midst and the Courier is more than pleased to give him prominence among those business men and citizens of whom mention is made in this history of Houston county and her material resources as a trade center second to no like sized county in the state.

That it has been chiefly through the conscientious efforts of such enterprising business men as Mr. Wherry has proved himself to be that our little city has gained the prominence she has as a trade center is beyond dispute, and it is to be hoped that he will feel disposed to remain among us for many years to come.



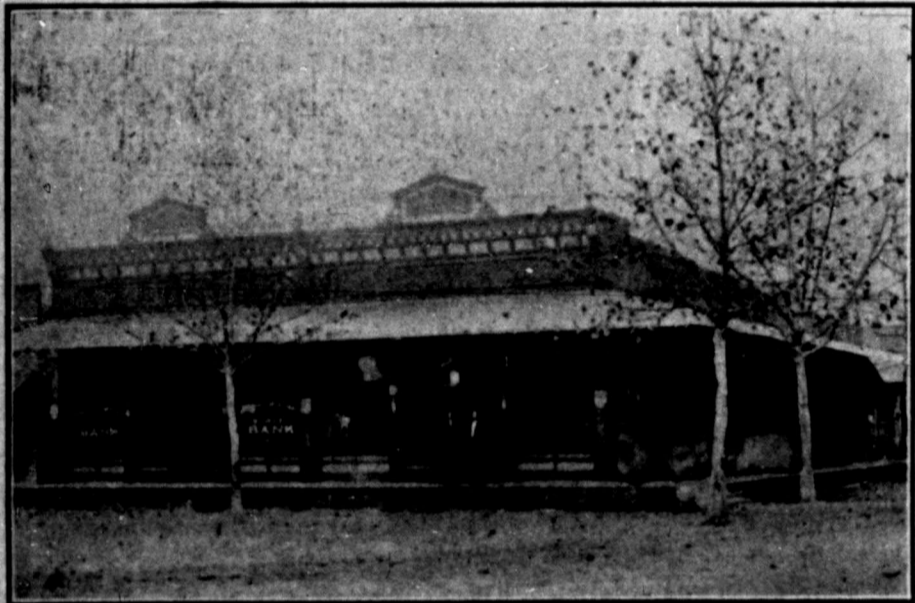
Baptist Church, Grapeland

# GRAPELAND One of Houston County's Bright and Busiest Towns, the Center of Trade, Culture and Refinement, Good Schools, Churches and Prosperous Business Houses

## FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK

A Financial Institution That Has Done Much to Make Grapeland Up-To-Date and Progressive.

The writer takes no little pride in stating that for a town of its size, Grapeland has more up-to-date, metropolitan business concerns than any town we have been in in the state, and we have visited many. And one of the most prominent is the Farmers and Merchants' State Bank, a financial institution that has done much to make the town progressive and popular. This bank was established about three years ago, is located in a fine, modernly constructed building, erected expressly for this particular enterprise, and its metropolitan appearance and arrangement has caused no little just comment and notice from the general



Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank, Grapeland

public, as well as its many patrons. The bank has a cash capital of \$15,000 with a \$5,000 surplus, and undivided profits of \$1,000, and its depositors are increasing in number every day. Its management has been one of enterprising and progressiveness, nothing being left undone that hard work, diligent study and honest, conscientious business efforts could supply to make the institution one of which the citizens of Grapeland might feel proud to patronize and recommend to their friends. The officers of this popular bank are all hustling, enterprising business men whose courteous treatment of all patrons has won for them and their bank the confidence and good will of the entire public.

President, George E. Darsey; vice president, P. L. Teugham, and S. E. Miller, the efficient and congenial cashier, have combined their best efforts, diligent study and honest ambitions to the betterment of their enterprise as it grows older, with the result that, from its inception, the Farmers and Merchants' State Bank of Grapeland has steadily experienced an increase in patronage and business until at the present time, with but three short years in which to accomplish it, they have built up an extensive business as is experienced by any bank in the country located in a town of this size. Up-to-date and persevering, these gentlemen have done all they could to push their home town to the front, and a history of the town as a trade center would not be complete did it not contain special mention of them and their metropolitan financial institution.

## K. C. ALSUP

Proprietor of One of Grapeland's New and Up-to-date Business Enterprises—Nothing is Too Good For His Patrons.

A stranger coming into Grapeland, as well as the citizens themselves, cannot help but notice the exceptionally large number of new and up-to-date business enterprises that have been established here within the past two or three years. One of the most prominent among our new stores may be mentioned the enterprise owned and conducted by Mr. K. C. Alsup. Mr. Alsup is now the proprietor of one of our prominent restaurants, where everything in the way of hot lunches, etc., can be had at any time,

## ALLEN & McLAIN

That Popular Mercantile Concern That Believes in Treating the People Right and Selling Goods Cheap.

Those who have had the opportunity to watch and judge cannot help but admit that there are few towns in Texas of the same size that have advanced as rapidly and conspicuously as has Grapeland during the past two or three years. A fact that is truly exemplified by the large number of new business concerns that have been established here within that time, and there is one, in particular, that we wish to call our readers' attention to the general merchandise establishment of Allen & McLain. Here is a concern that was established but about one year ago, and yet it is now enjoying as extensive and satisfactory a trade as many of the older and

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Grapeland is the best cotton market between Palestine and Houston; ships more hogs and cattle; ships more poultry and eggs than any other town between Palestine and Houston.

In giving a review of Grapeland and her material resources as a residence and trade center, it is the author's intention to stick closely to the truth and write what he conscientiously thinks is just and proper, judging from what we have seen of the town and what we have gleaned in our talk with its citizens.

Grapeland is a city of about 900 wide-awake, industrious souls, located on the divide between two rivers, the Trinity West and the Neches. It is located in Houston County, 13 miles from Crockett, the county seat, and 25 miles from Palestine. It has two schools, one white and one colored, both under one superintendent. The Methodists, Baptists and Christian denominations all have fine church buildings here and enjoy large con-

## D. N. LAEVERTON

Grapeland's Popular and Up-To-Date Druggist Who is Fast Winning the Confidence and Patronage of the People.

Few people realize the importance of having within the borders of their town a first-class druggist who is competent to compound and fill all prescriptions that may be brought to his store, no matter how difficult they may be. And then, again, how many, do you suppose, ever think what an opportunity a druggist has to be dishonest and gain success, financially, by using inferior ingredients in the compounding of his prescriptions, as well as consorting to adulteration. Such is the case, however, and when the citizens of a live and growing town like Grapeland discover, by careful watch and practical experience, that they have in their city a druggist who has firmly established, without any doubt whatever, the fact that he is honest in his methods and conscientious in the compounding of all prescriptions entrusted to his care, such as Mr. Leaverton has done, it is their duty as loyal citizens to give that druggist their liberal consideration and patronage. That our citizens have done this is exemplified by the extensive business which Mr. Leaverton has built up during his short business life in our midst. He established his present enterprise in Grapeland about one year ago, and it is due him to say that his methods of doing business won for him the patronage of the people of this vicinity right from the start, and he has been successful in holding that custom steadfast ever since. Everything in and about the store is up-to-date in appearance and makeup, there being a fine soda fountain in connection from which all the popular soft drinks are served. The assortment of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, paints, oils, wall paper, books, stationery, etc., is exceptionally extensive and complete, while the prices prevailing throughout the entire establishment are very reasonable. Mr. Leaverton has been a resident of this country for 29 years and he has an extensive acquaintance throughout both town and country. The Courier is pleased to give him prominent mention in our history of the county and predict for him continued success in his present business undertaking.

## B. F. HILL

Grapeland's Popular and Efficient Postmaster and one of Our Most Enterprising and Industrious Citizens.

In a town of this size, where the gentleman who looks after the mail of every citizen does so with the knowledge that all the remuneration received will come from what business the office does, and not through a stipulated salary, it should behoove every patron of the office, to do everything in their power to bring business to the office, especially when that office has been conducted in a strictly up-to-date, legitimate manner, such as is the case with our local post office

## J. J. BROOKS

Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Groceries, Country Produce and All Kinds of Good Things to Eat.

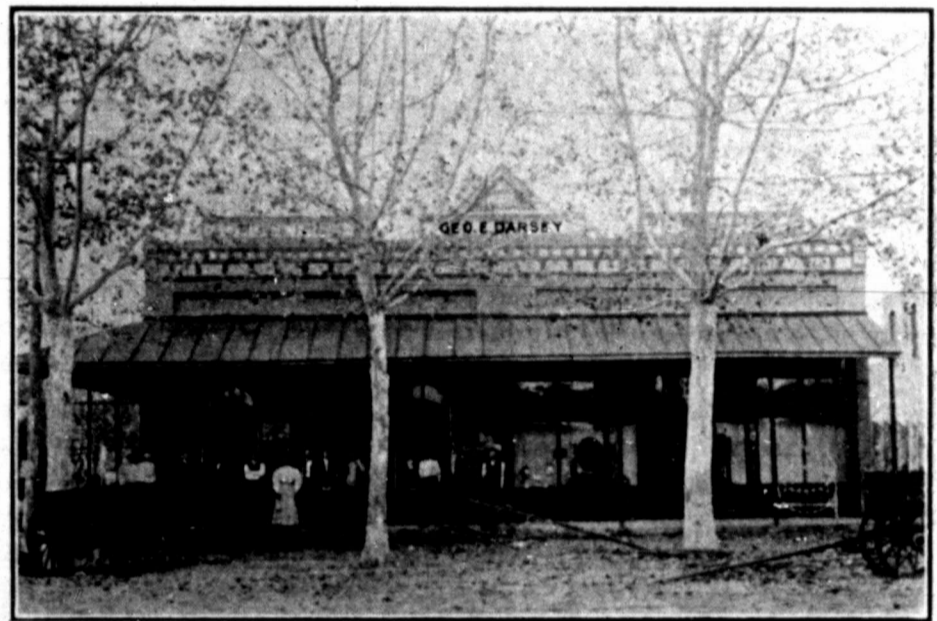
That Grapeland in becoming a better and more popular trade center every day no one who has watched the progress of the town and the various new and up-to-date business concerns that have located here during the past few years will deny. This is a condition, however, that is largely brought about through the efforts of our merchants to furnish the local trade with the best makes and grades of goods and to sell the same at low and satisfactory prices.

One of the most prominent merchants in this class, a man who has made his enterprise popular and successful, may be mentioned the gentleman whose name heads this brief

## GEO. E. DARSEY

One of Grapeland's Most Prominent Dealers in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Furniture, Wagons, Implements, Building Material, Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes. Complete Housekeeping and Farming Outfits a Specialty.

One of the most busy marts of trade in Grapeland is at the store of Mr. George E. Darsey, that popular dealer in dry goods, groceries, hardware, furniture, wagons, implements, building materials and complete housekeeping outfits, burial robes and coffins. There is nothing more interesting to the average, wide-awake business man than to watch his competitor and see how he carries on his enterprise. But there are not a great many who will compliment his fellow competitor on his success, no matter how conspicuous



Grocery and Furniture Store of Geo. E. Darsey

sketch, Mr. J. J. Brooks, extensive dealer in general merchandise, dry goods, dress goods, groceries, notions, etc. Since establishing this business in Grapeland about five year ago, Mr. Brooks has enjoyed a very extensive and satisfactory trade. He buys his goods in large quantities, direct from the most reliable of manufacturers and jobbers, and makes it an object to quote prices that cannot be duplicated by the mail order and catalogue houses. And that he has been successful in this respect is conspicuously exemplified by the large number of patrons he has built up, many of whom are from the ranks of those who, at one time, sent their money away from home for their goods in this line. People who have discovered, by honest comparison, that they could get even better goods at lower price from Mr. Brooks than they could of the mail order houses.

There is no excuse for any of our citizens sending to foreign concerns for goods when we have right here in our home town a merchant who sells better goods at lower prices.

These are the class of merchants that make any town progressive and up-to-date and Mr. Brooks is to be congratulated upon his success in the mercantile field of our city. As a citizen he has always been found ready and willing to do all that was expected of him to help push the town to the front, and we are pleased to give him and his popular trade emporium prominent mention in our souvenir edition.

As his present quarters have proved too small for the extensive trade that is constantly increasing, Mr. Brooks is now having erected a fine, new two-story brick store, and when it is finished he will move into it and increase his entire stock, making one, if not the largest, assortments of general merchandise goods in the county.

under the control of its present occupant, Mr. B. F. Hill. Mr. Hill has been our popular postmaster for the past eighteen years, and so efficient has been his work that there is no question but that he will be kept in this important position as long as he can be induced to accept the same.

Mr. Hill is a native of Lawrence county, Alabama, having been born in that county in 1854. In 1887 he came to Grapeland and he has been a resident of this county ever since.

Not only has Mr. Hill proved an exceptionally popular and efficient postmaster, but he has been one of Grapeland's most enterprising and indus-

trious citizens, and it is not bestowing too much honor upon him to give him the credit of having done as much as any other one man to push the town to the front and make it up-to-date and progressive whenever he has had the opportunity. Mr. Hill is highly esteemed as a postmaster of energy and influence, who takes pride in giving the patrons of the office the very best service possible, and he has won the confidence and good will of all who have ever come in contact with him. His many friends and fellow citizens would be disappointed did we not give him prominent mention in our history of the town and county, as his life in our midst has been closely interwoven with the town's best interests.

that man's popularity and success may be. In the career of Mr. Darsey in our midst there is exhibited the result of honest business methods, good goods and liberal prices seldom seen in the mercantile field.

A true example of what true business industry and enterprise, coupled with perseverance and integrity, will attain is truly exemplified in the success of this gentleman in our midst.

Mr. Darsey started in business in Grapeland over twenty years ago, in a small but modest way, with a very small but thoroughly up-to-date stock of goods. From the start he has carefully studied the wants of the people and his trade has so increased season by season that he has been compelled to increase his stock every year until he now has the distinction of having one, if not the largest stock, of general merchandise in the county. A feature of Mr. Darsey's success is the use of a check system, by which checks are used instead of money in making change, thus avoiding any possibility of a mistake, and helping the sales people to rapidly wait upon all patrons, and assist patrons on getting what they buy in a quick and satisfactory manner. Mr. Darsey has recently opened up a new store for his dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats and furnishing goods, making two separate and distinct mercantile establishments owned and conducted by him in Grapeland. In our history of Houston county and the important mercantile establishments owned and conducted therein, we are pleased to give prominence to Mr. Geo. E. Darsey and his popular enterprise and to also place him among those enterprising citizens who never refuse to help push all worth local movements to the front that are intended for the good of the county in general.